The Joy of Modern Piano Music

A repertory of original 20th century piano music in graded sequence.
Including works by Agay, Alt, Debussy, Kabalevsky,
Kraft, Satie, Soule, Yordansky and others.
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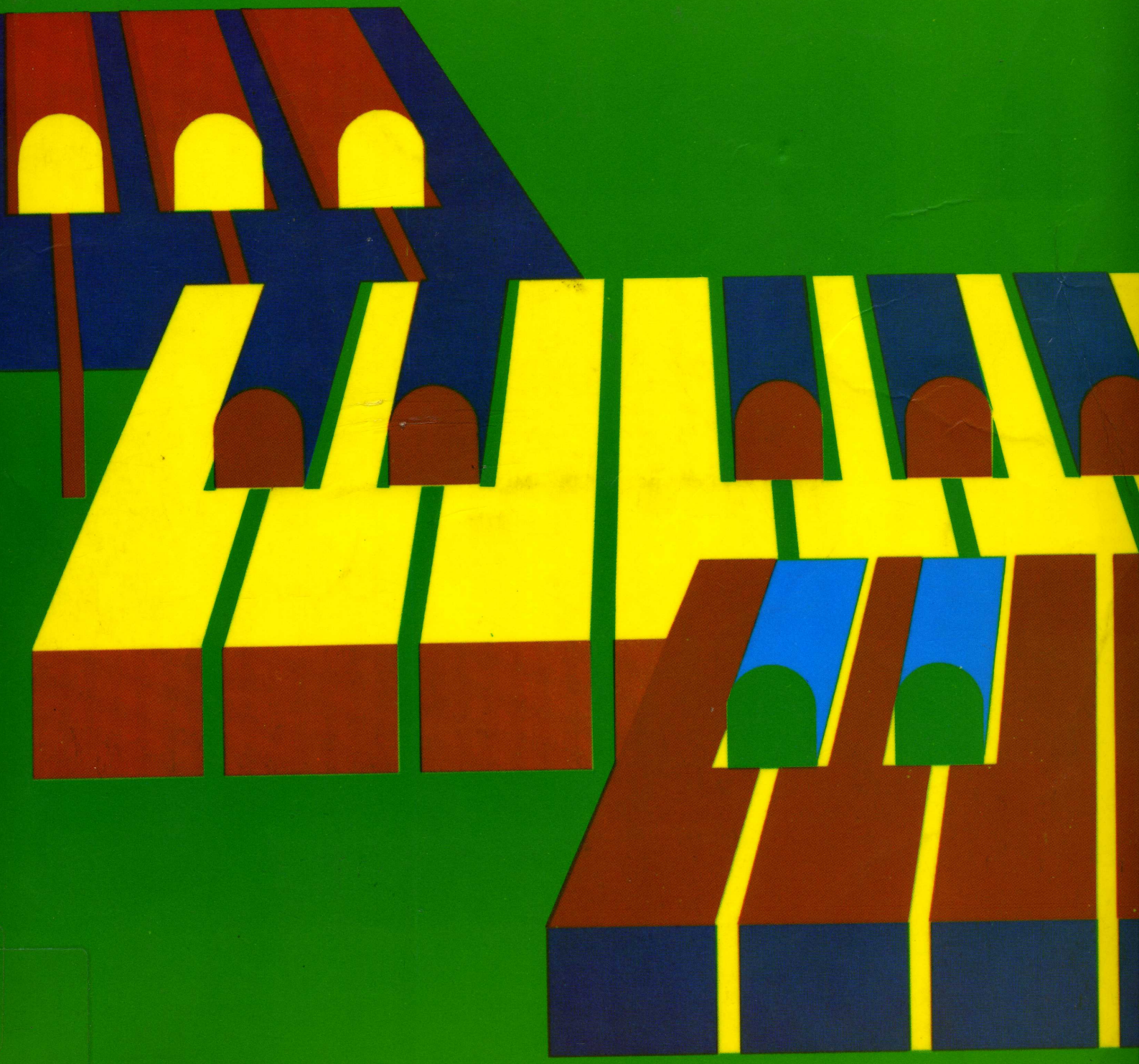

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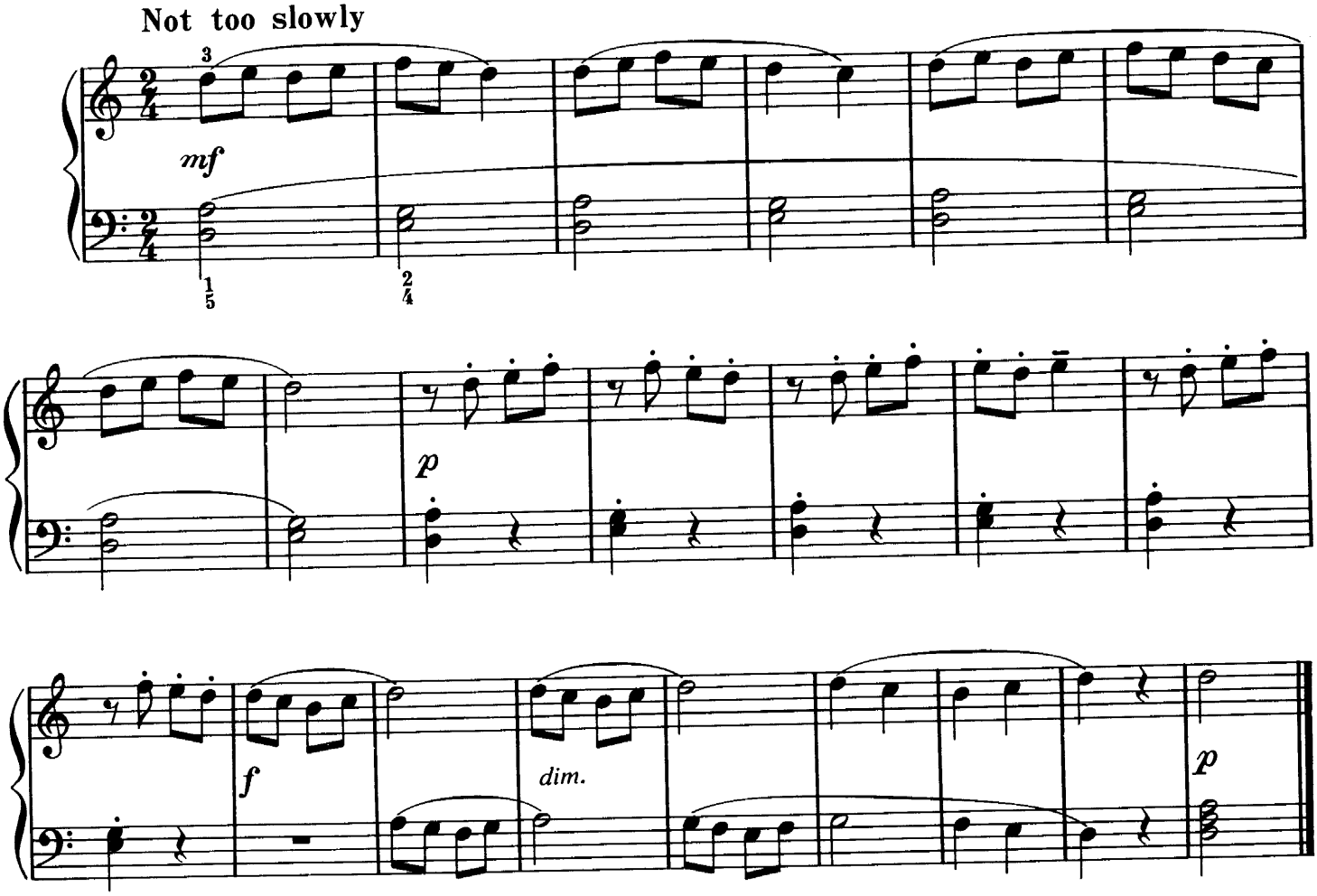
Little Lambs

from "Easy Animal Pieces"

Leo Kraft

Not too slowly

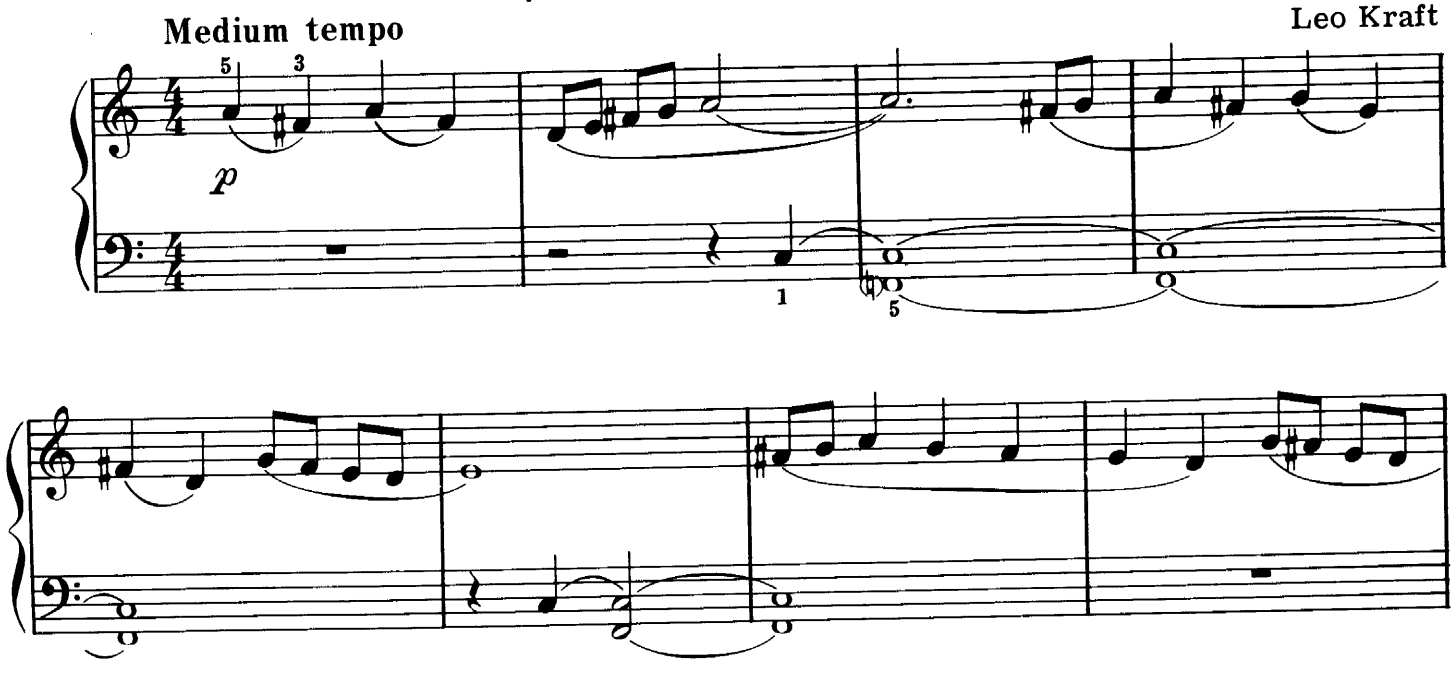


Mrs. Cow Takes a Nap

from "Easy Animal Pieces"

Leo Kraft

Medium tempo



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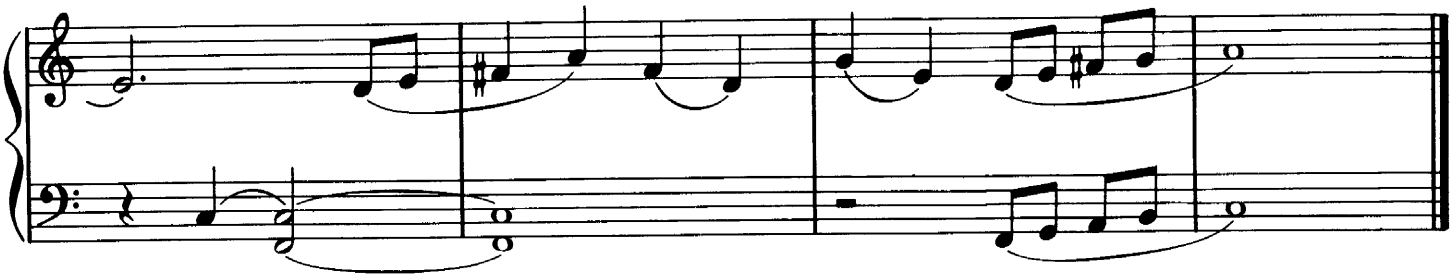
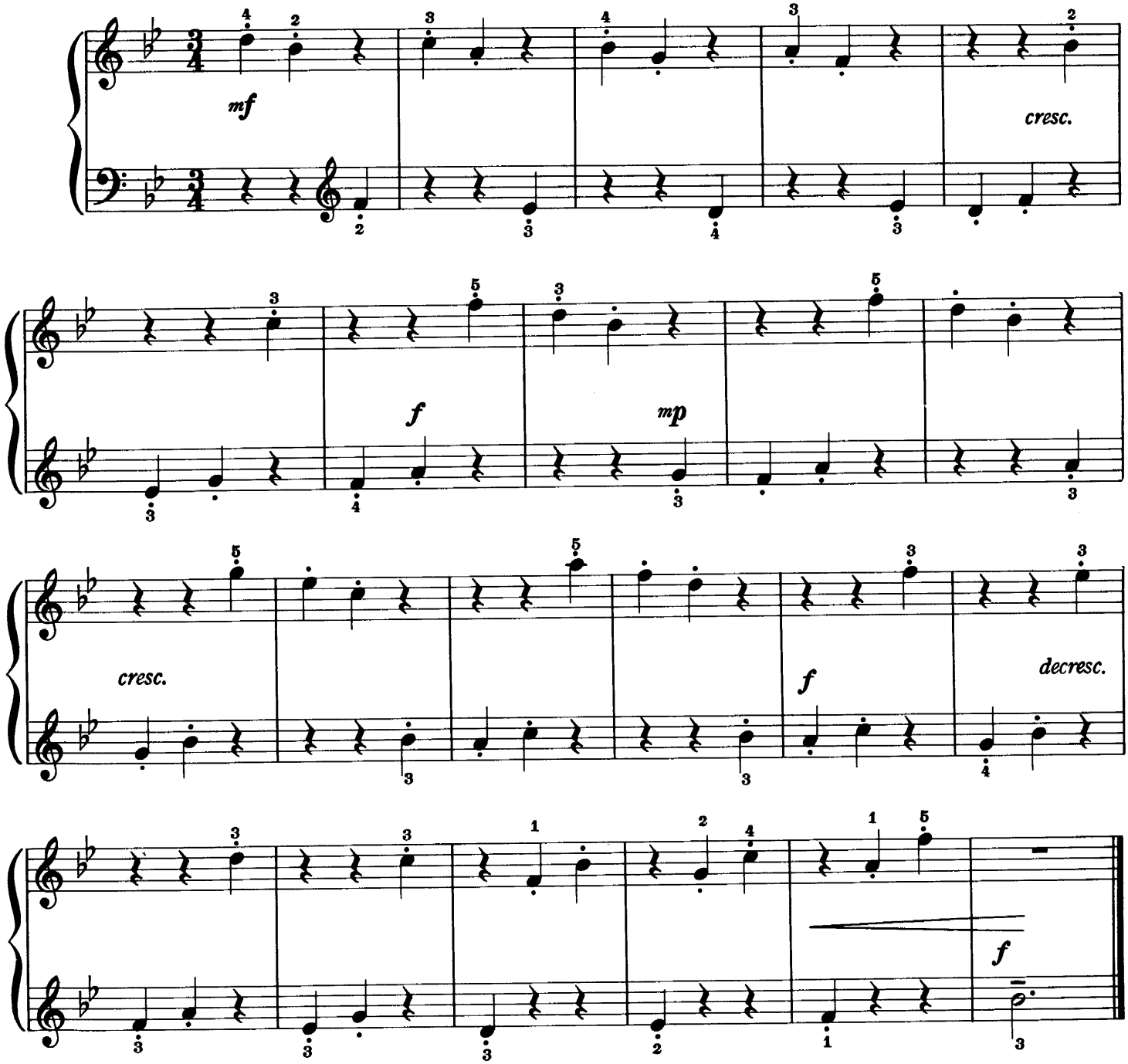


Game

Allegretto

Dmitri Kabalevsky



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Hear the Bells!

John Diercks

Rather slow

Lis - ten, lis - ten, bells are ringing. . .

p (detach) *mp*

Ped.

Hear the bells!

mf

Ped. 2 *Ped.*

p

mp

cresc.

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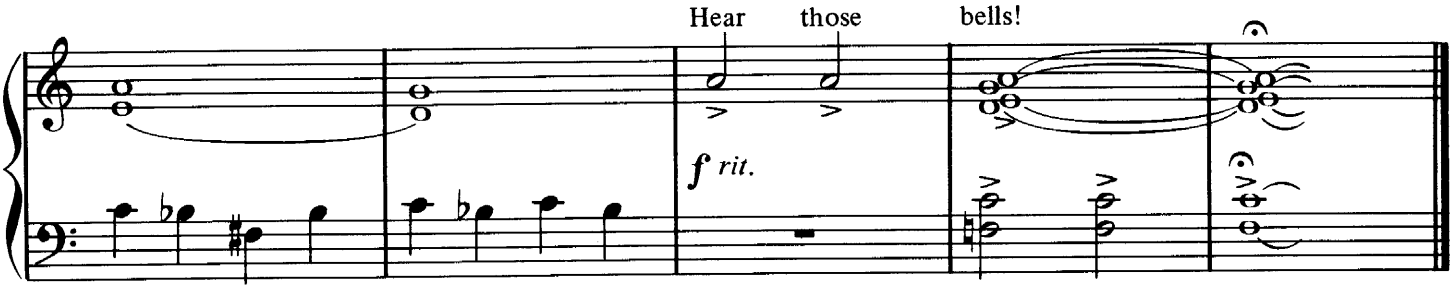
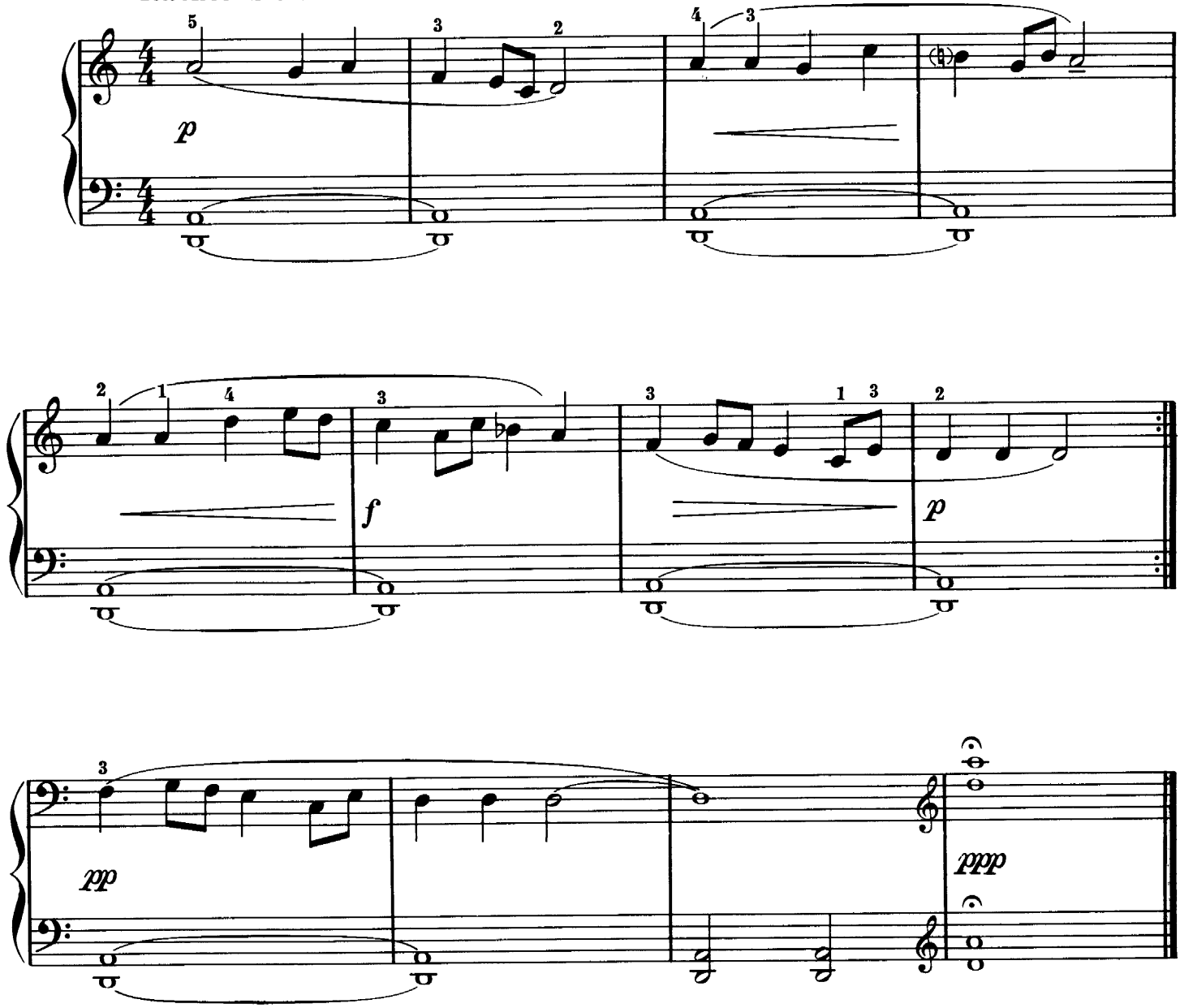


The Shepherd

Rather slow

T. Salutrinskaya



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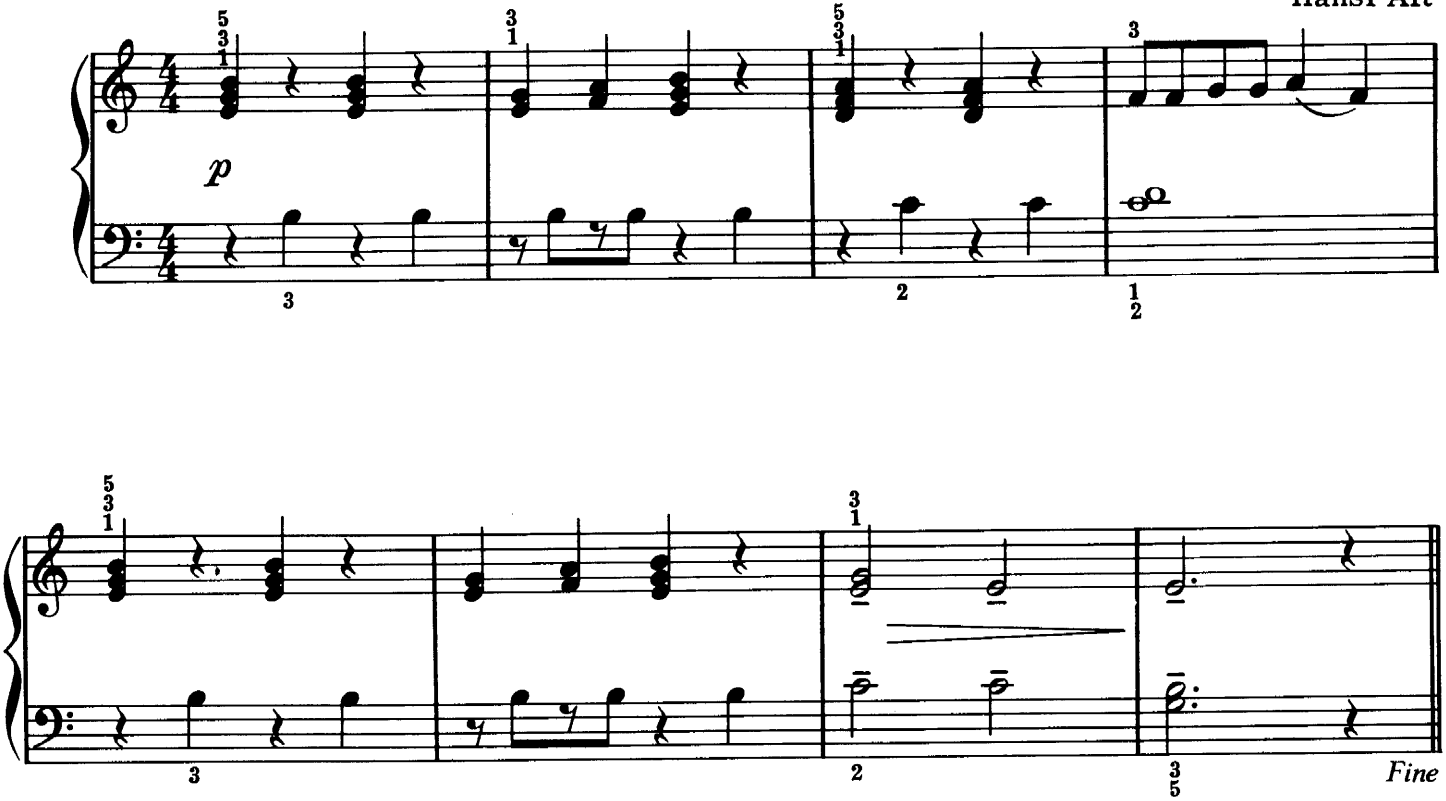
Sleepyhead

Molto andante

Hansi Alt



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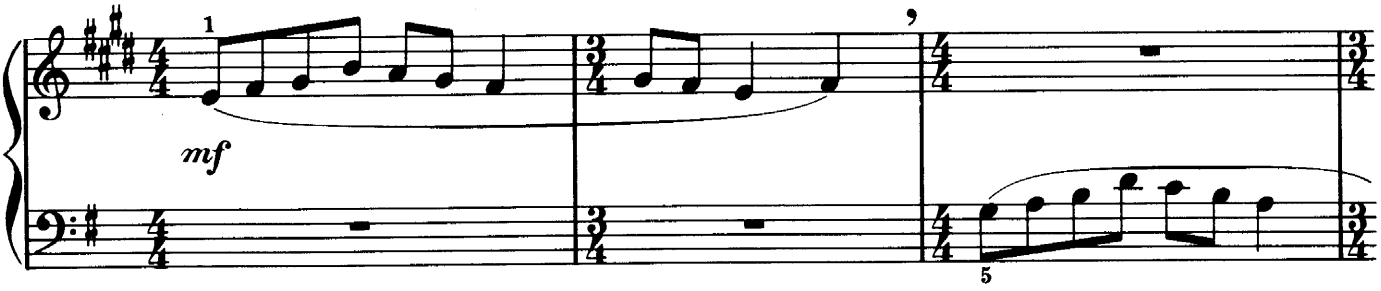
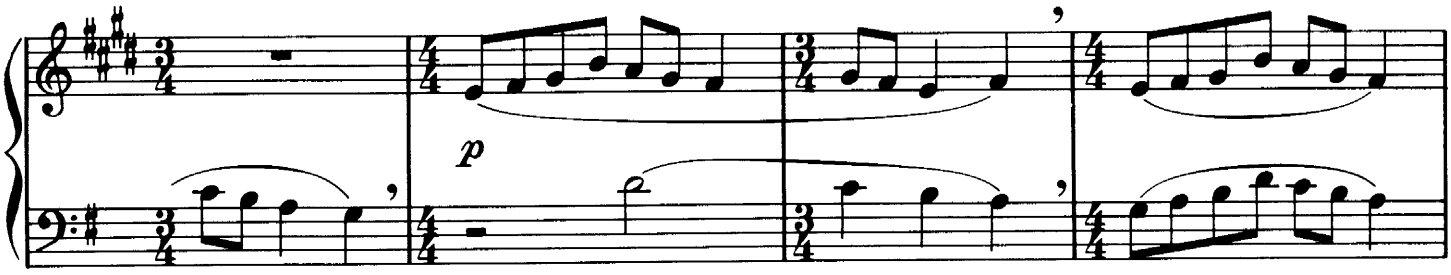
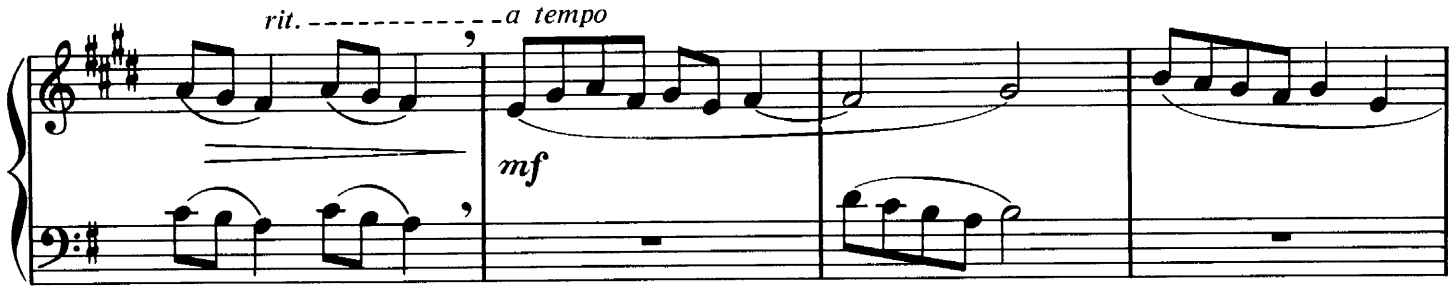
Dialogue in Two Keys

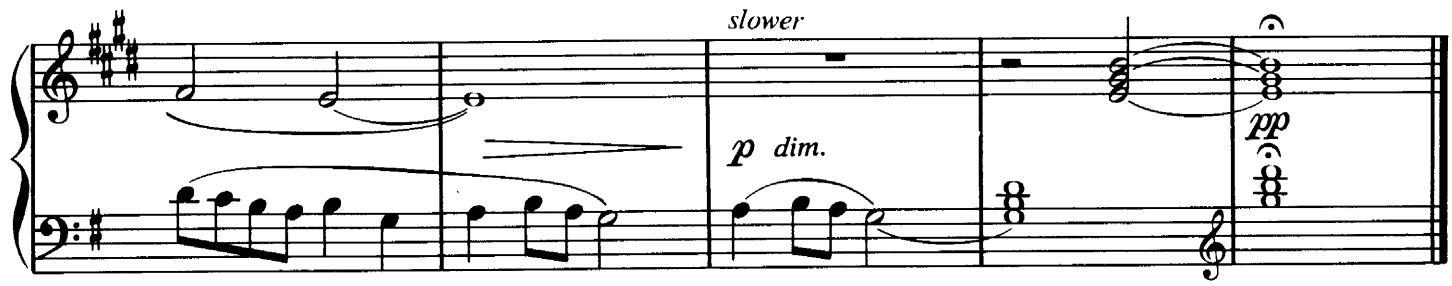
Moderato

Denes Agay









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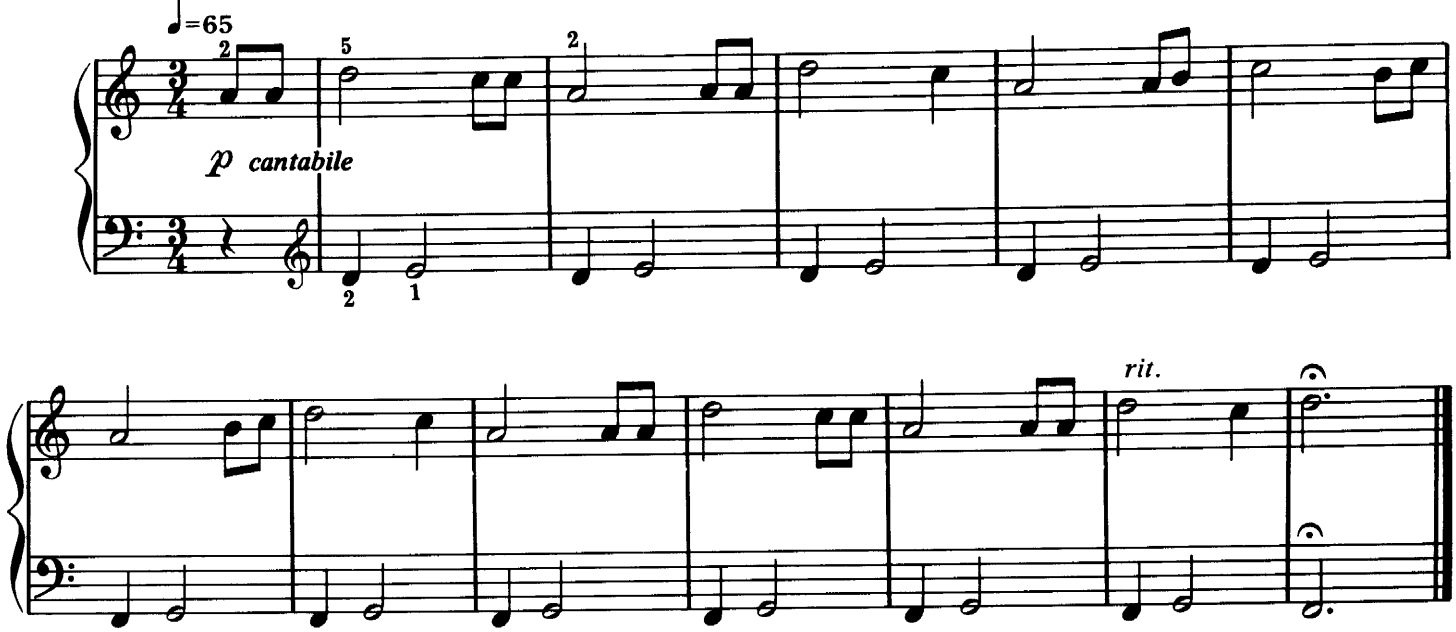
Two Short Pieces

from "Kaleidoscope for Young Pianists"

I

Vaclav Nelhybel



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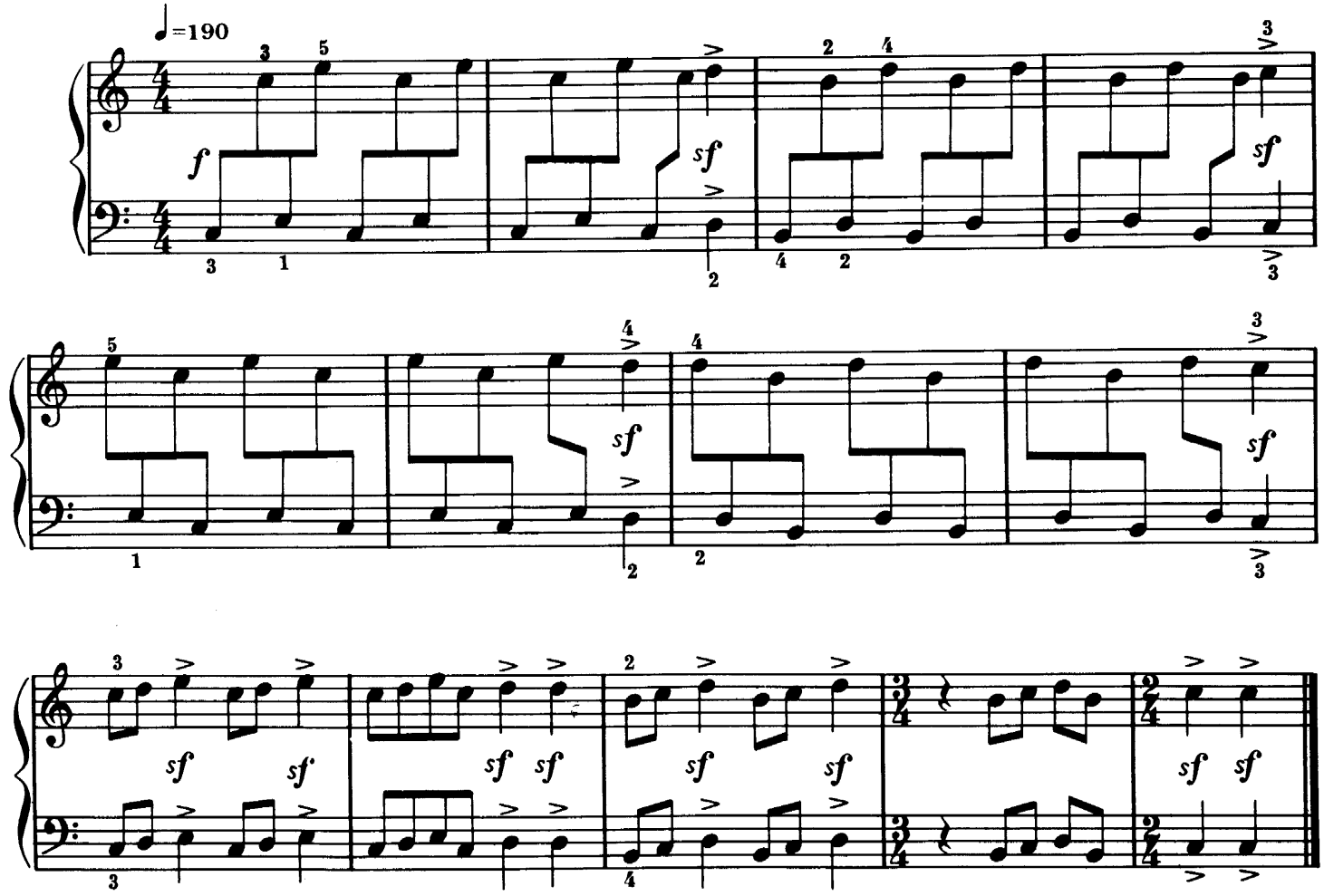

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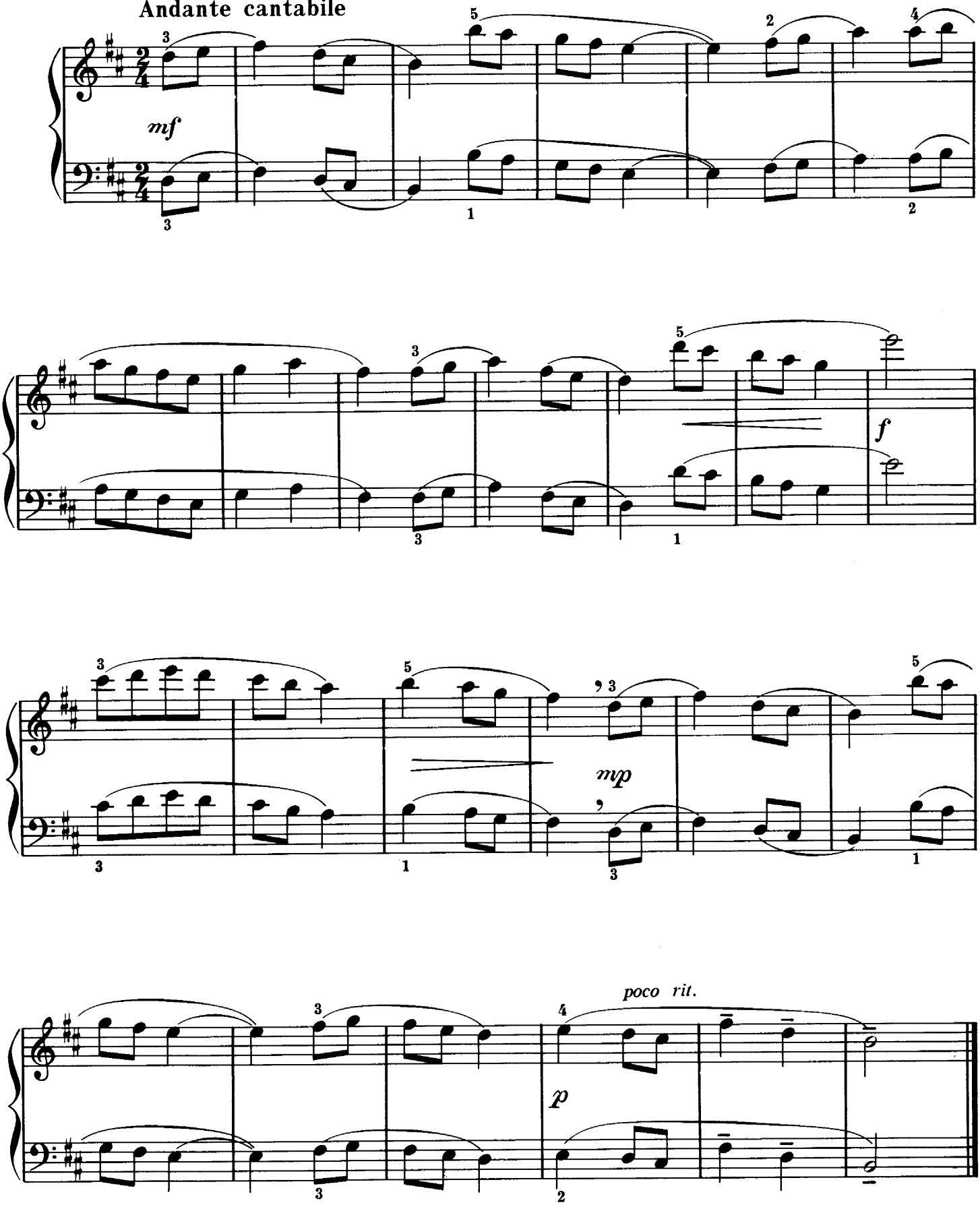
Autumn Song

Op. 39, No. 11

Dmitri Kabalevsky



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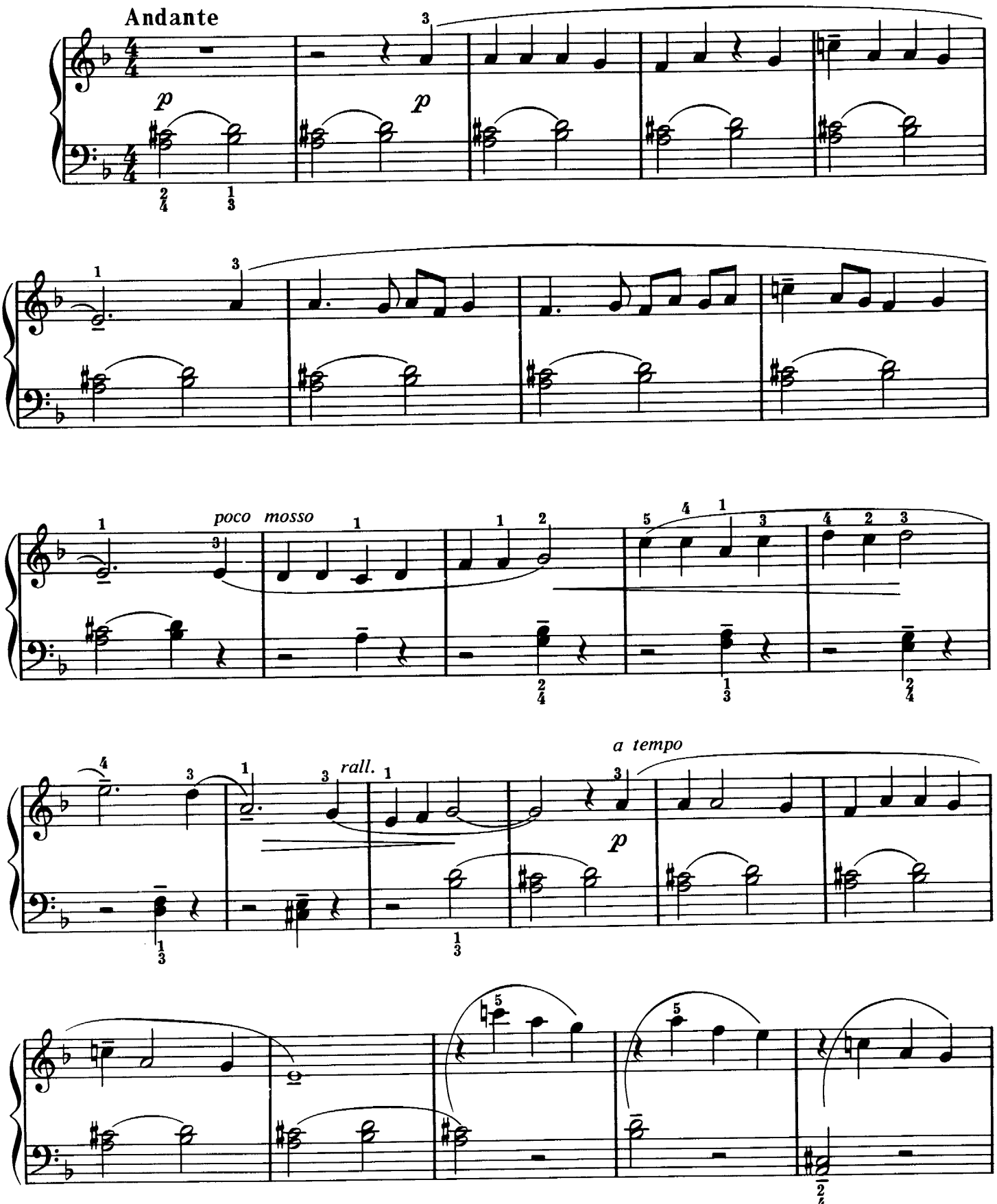
The White Cat's Funeral

from "Tuneful Ten"

Edmund F. Soule



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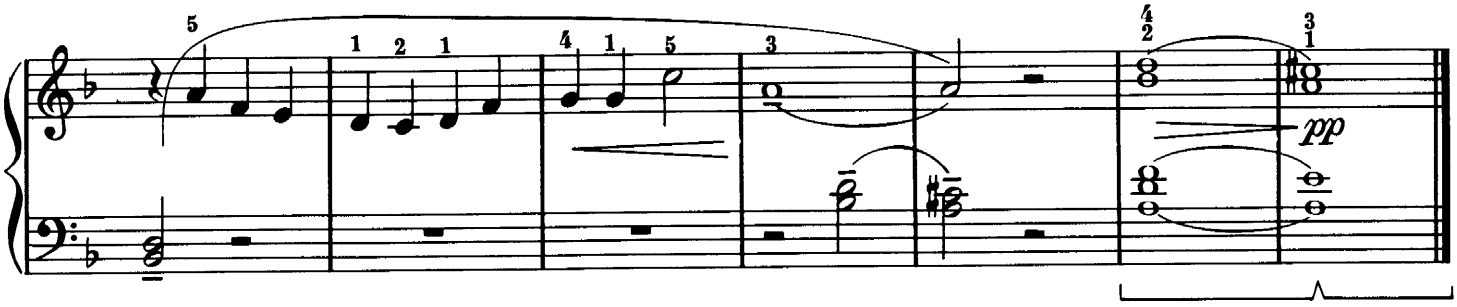
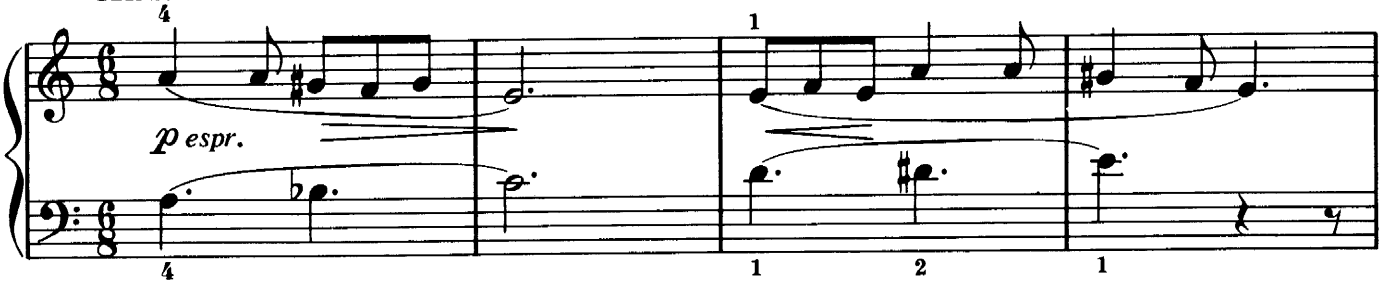
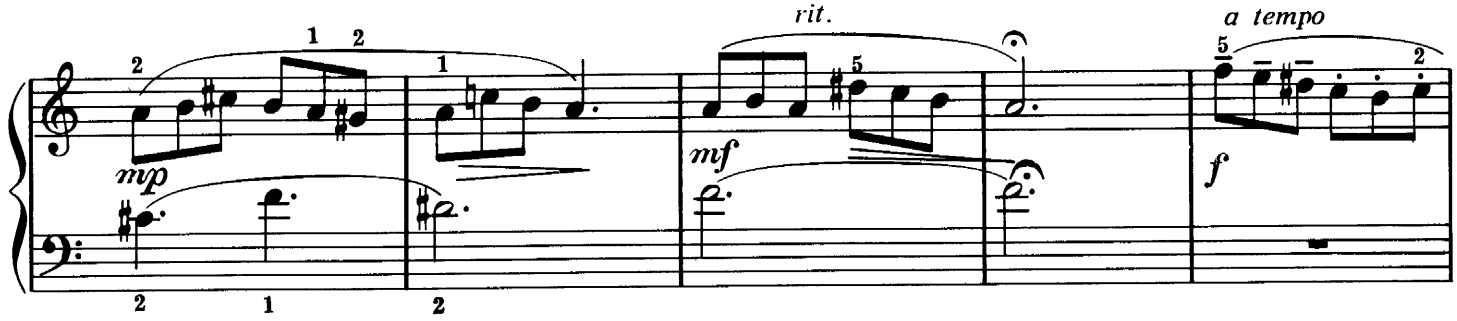


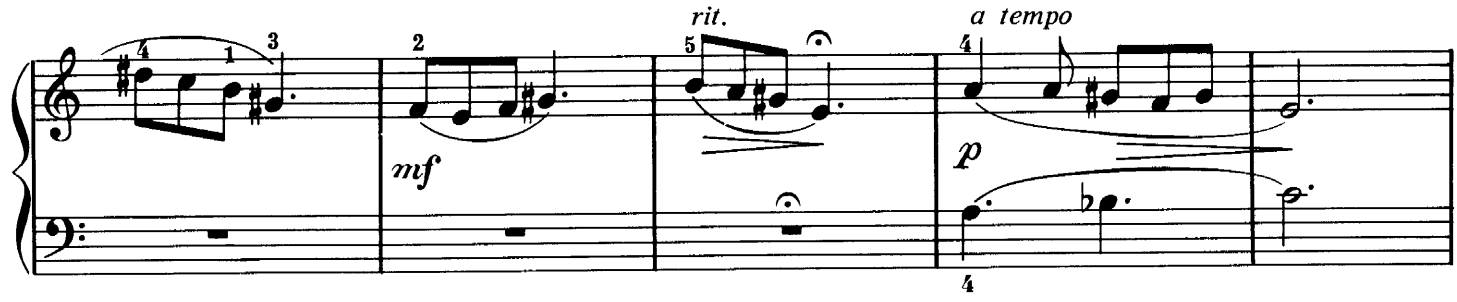
From the Holy Land

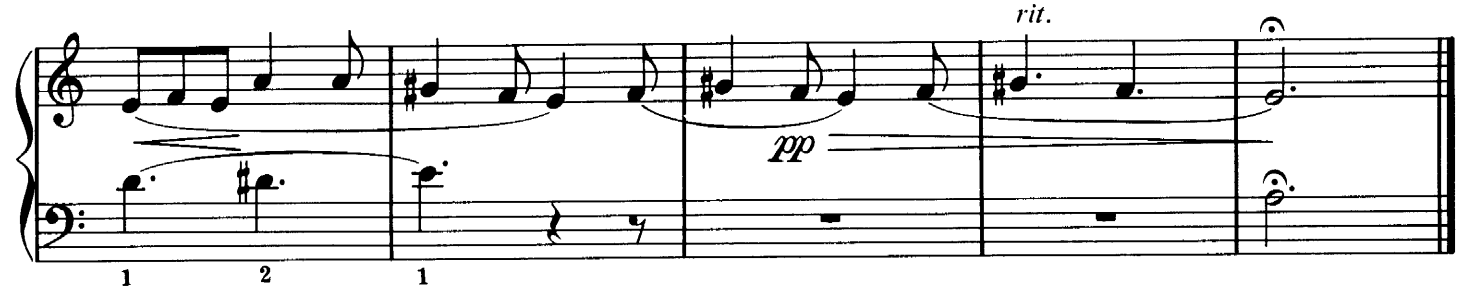
Andante ♪=100

V. Dubliansky









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Barcarolette

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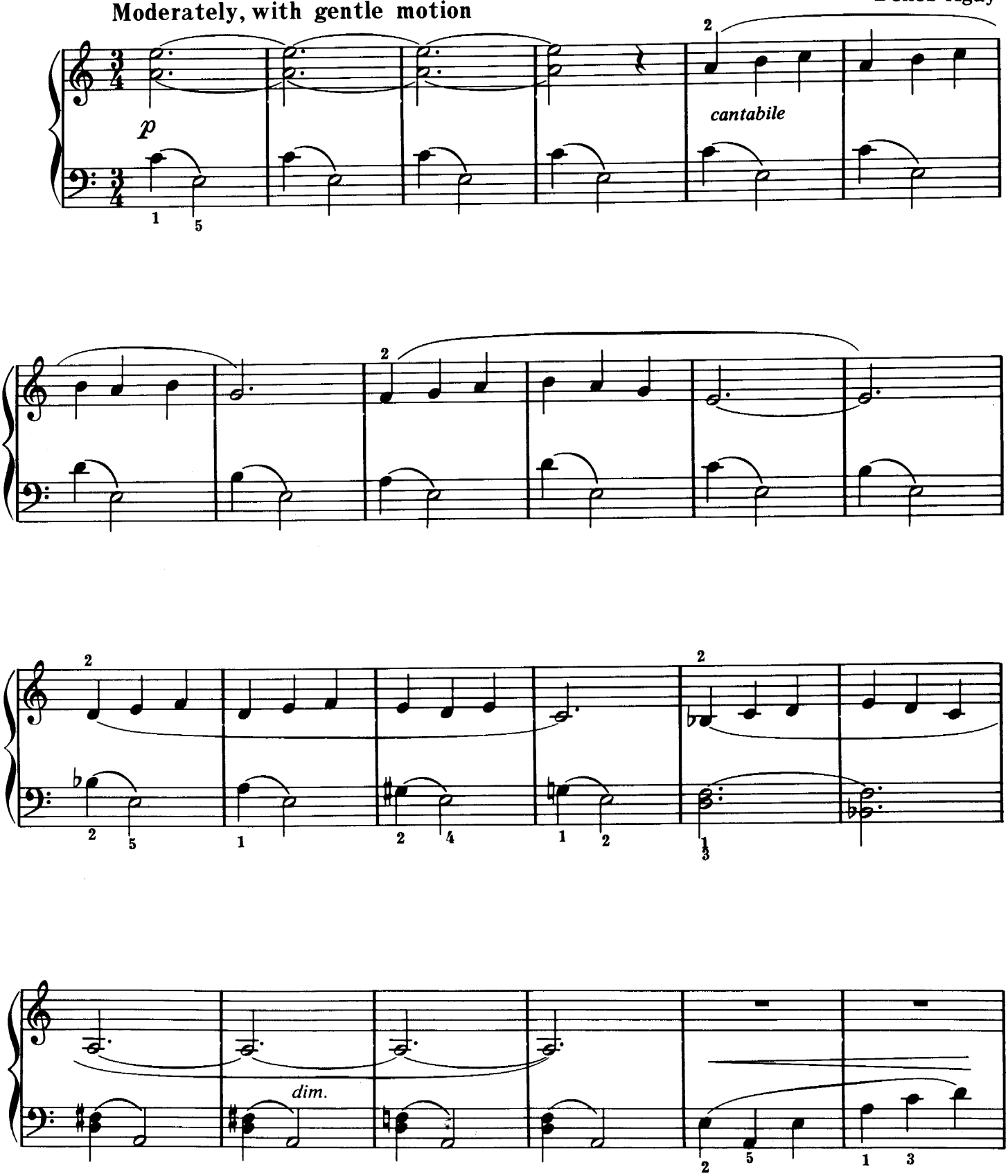

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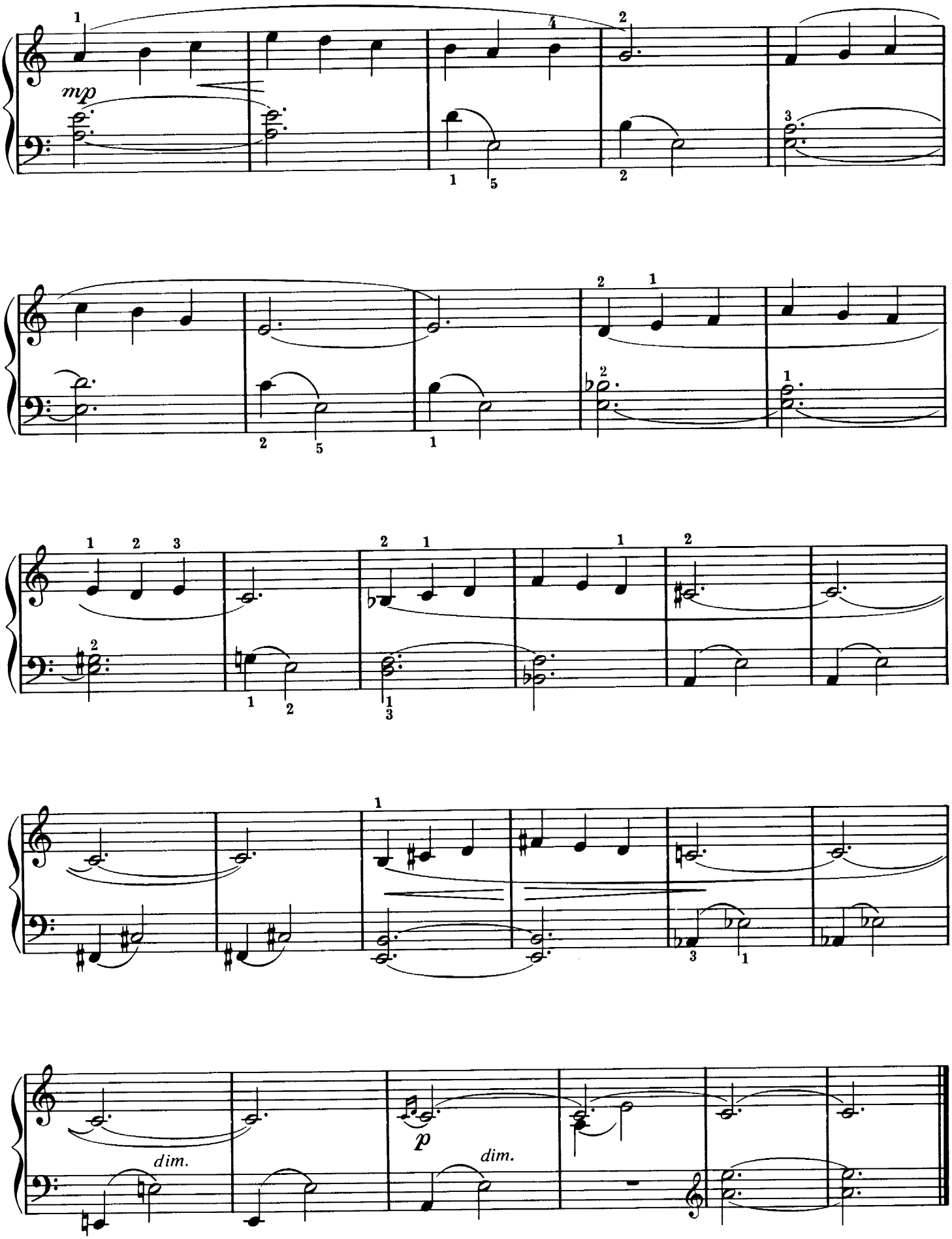
mp
dim.
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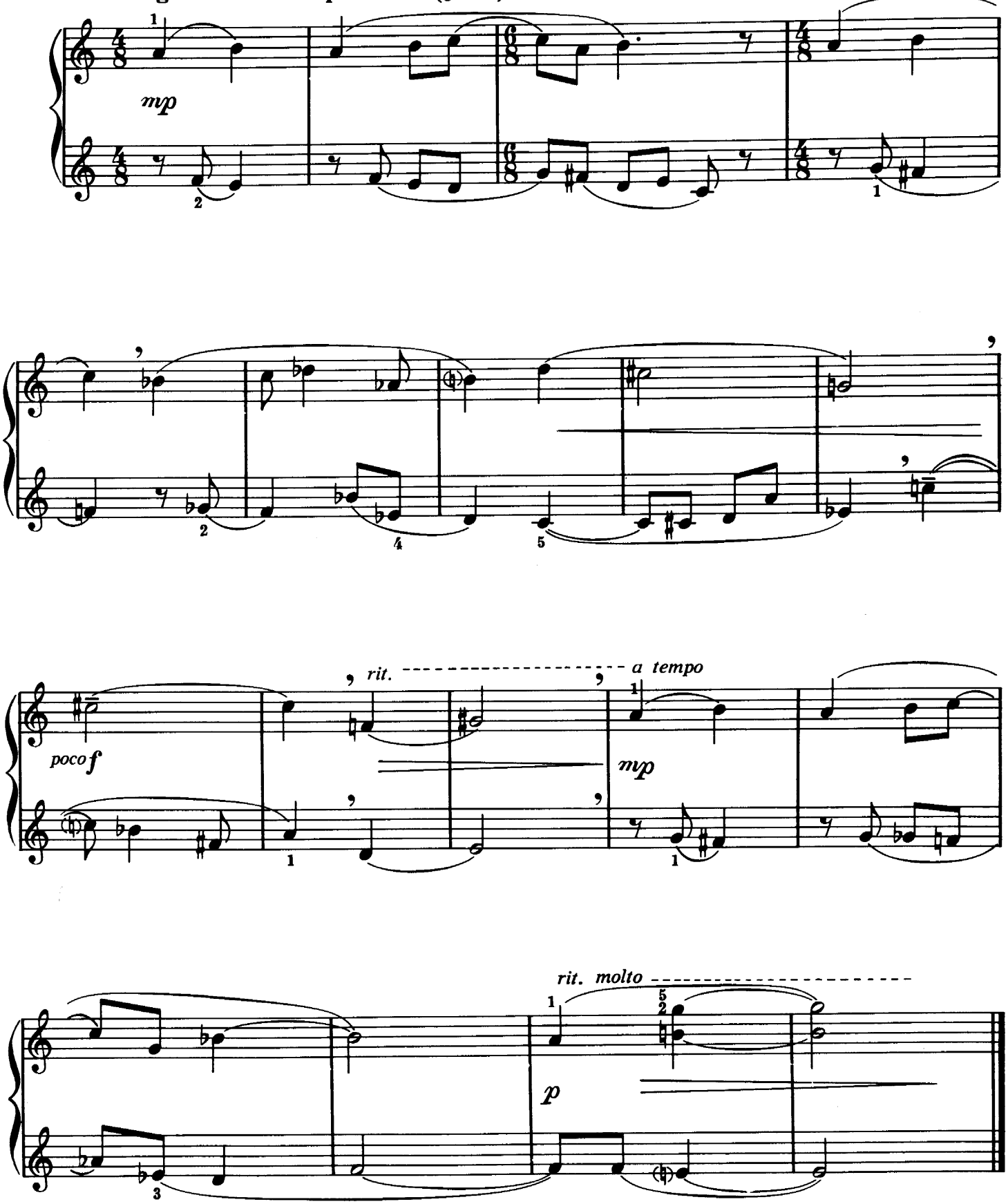
dim.

Solitary Pipes

Judith Lang Zaimont

Adagio e molto espressivo (♪=84)



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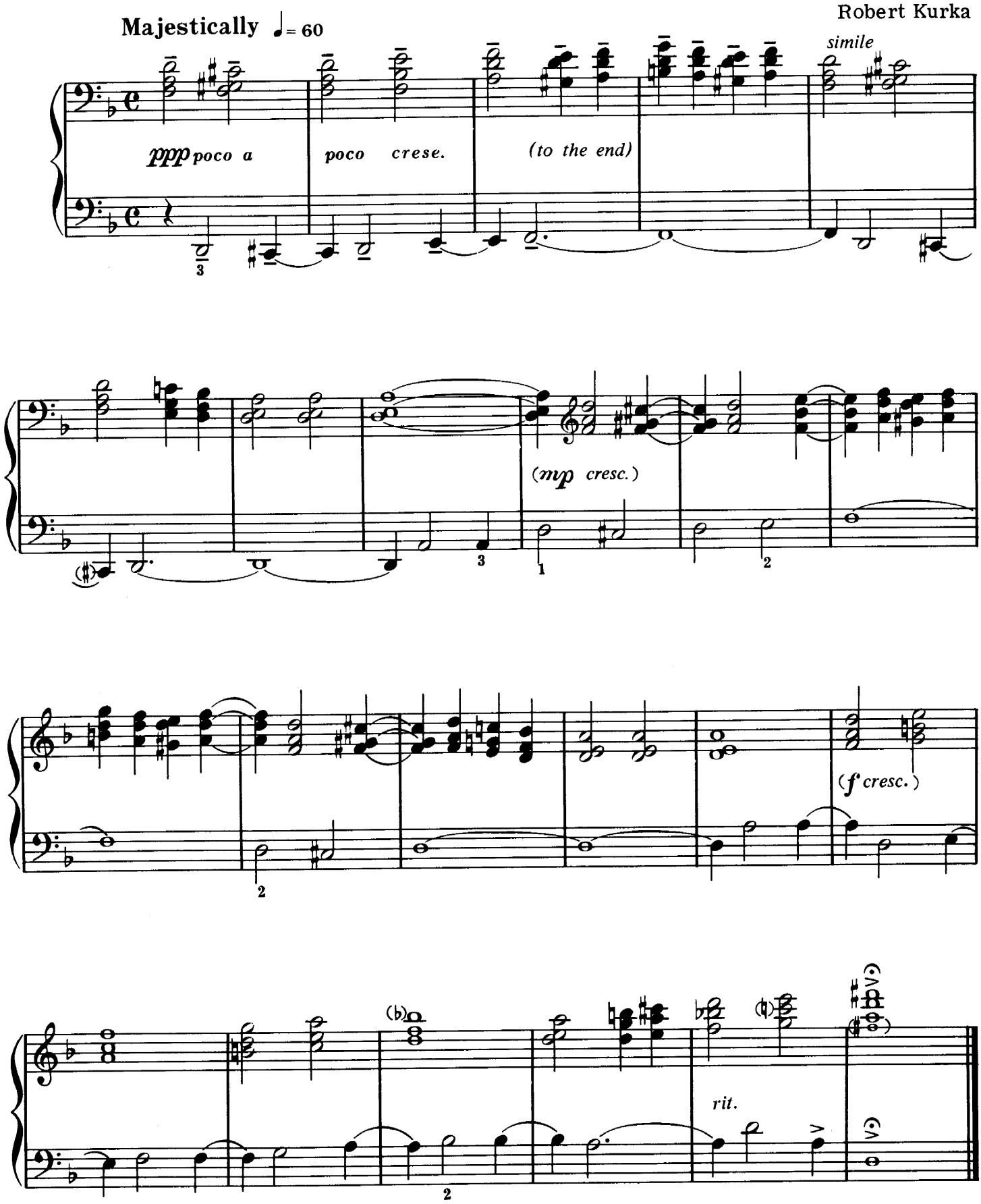
To the Top of the Mountain

from "Notes from Nature"

Robert Kurka



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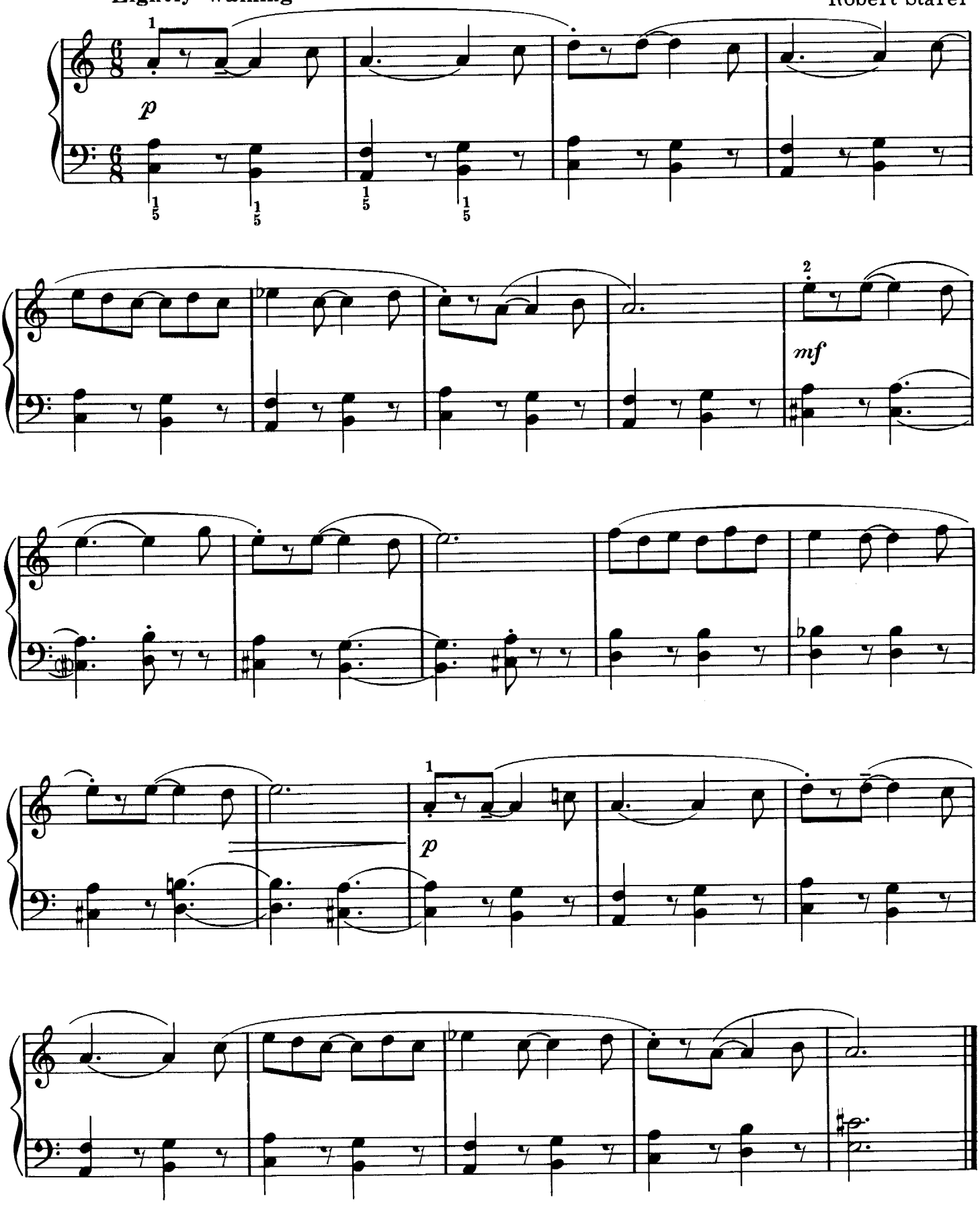
Blues

from "Twelve Pieces for Ten Fingers"

Lightly walking

Robert Starer



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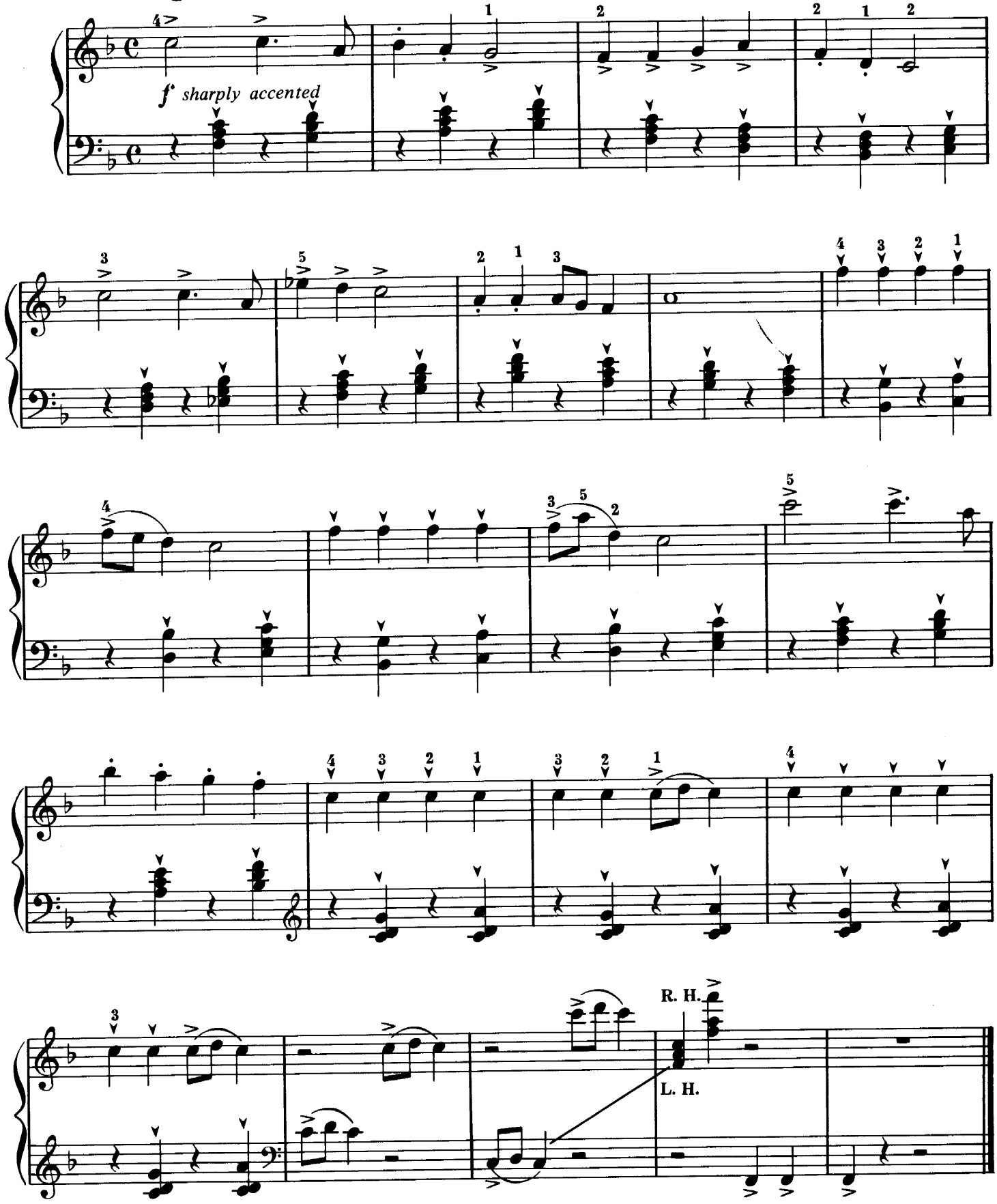
Street Games

from "American Kaleidoscope"

Rough and tough

Elie Siegmeister



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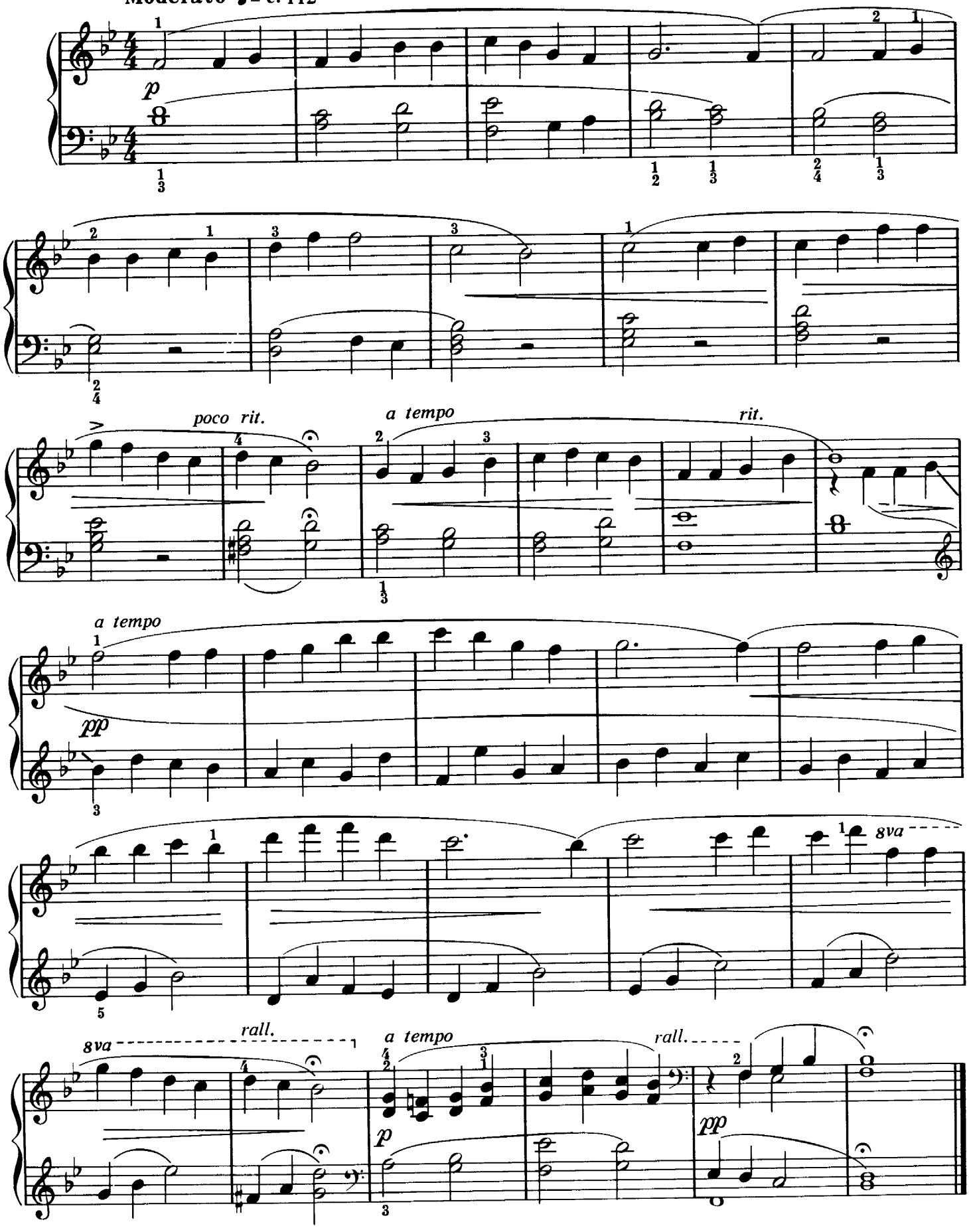
An Upland Spiritual

Moderato ♩= c. 112

Edmund F. Soule



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A Tune to Whistle

Fairly fast; cheerful

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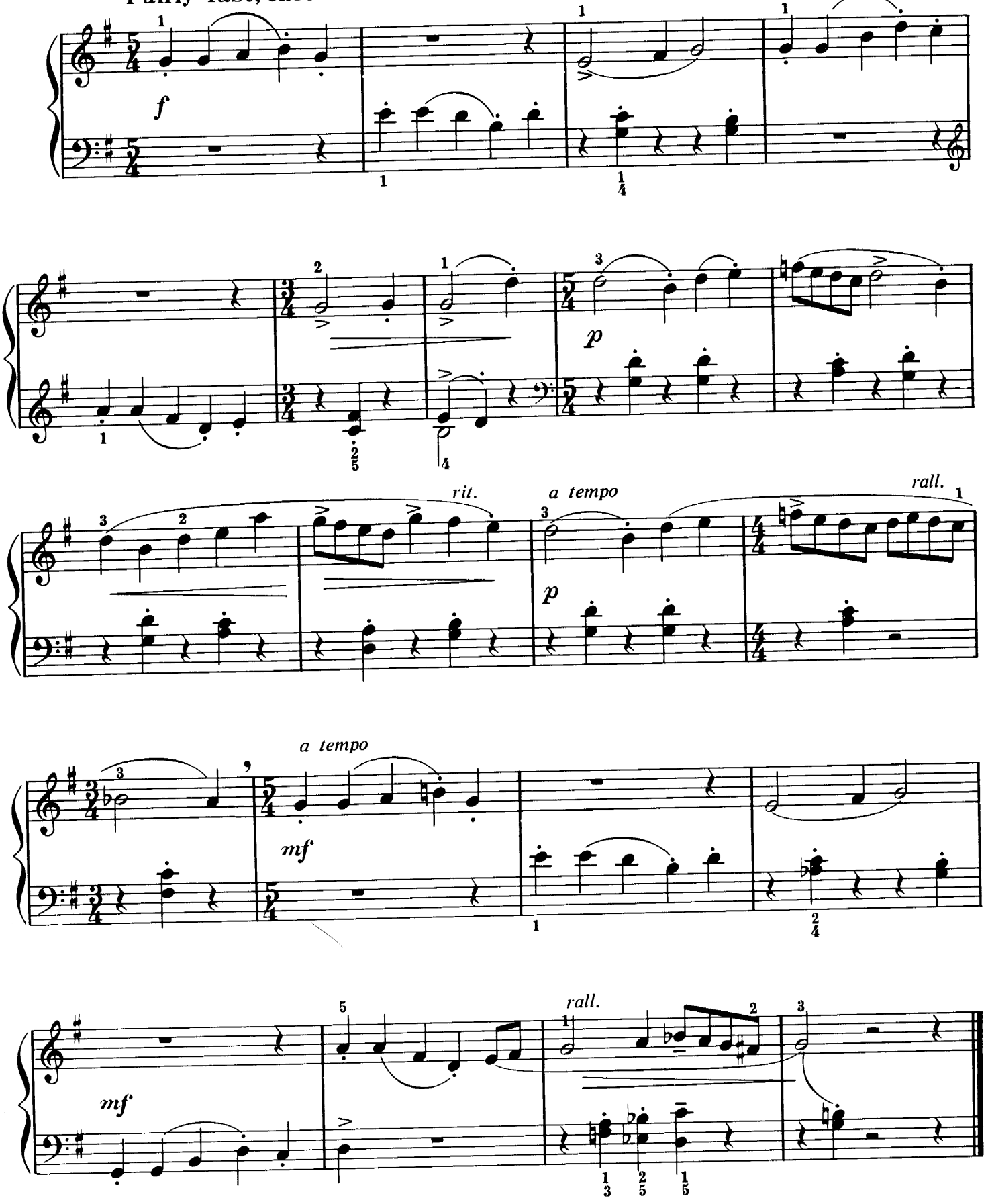

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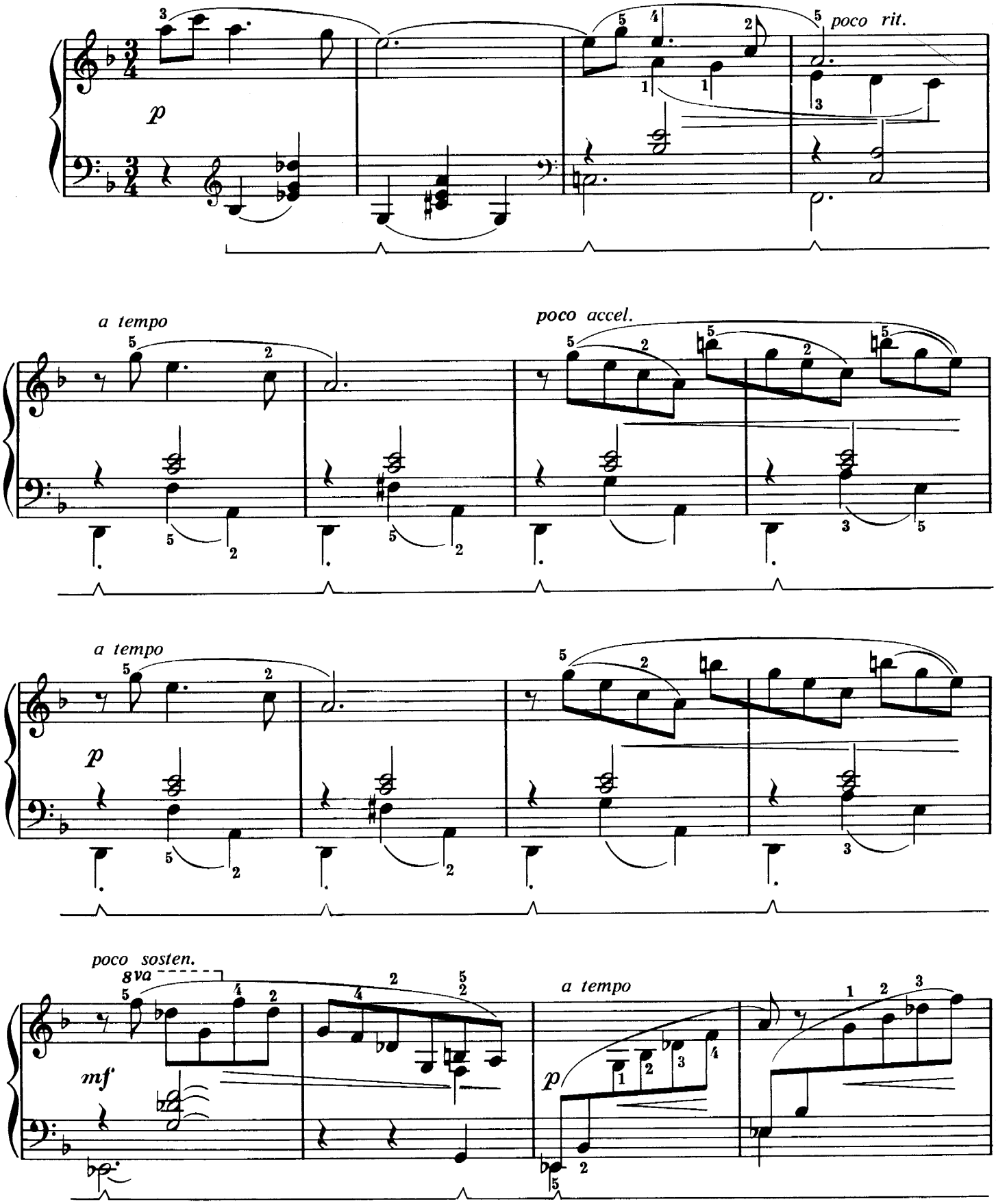
Album Leaf

(1916)

Moderato

Claude Debussy



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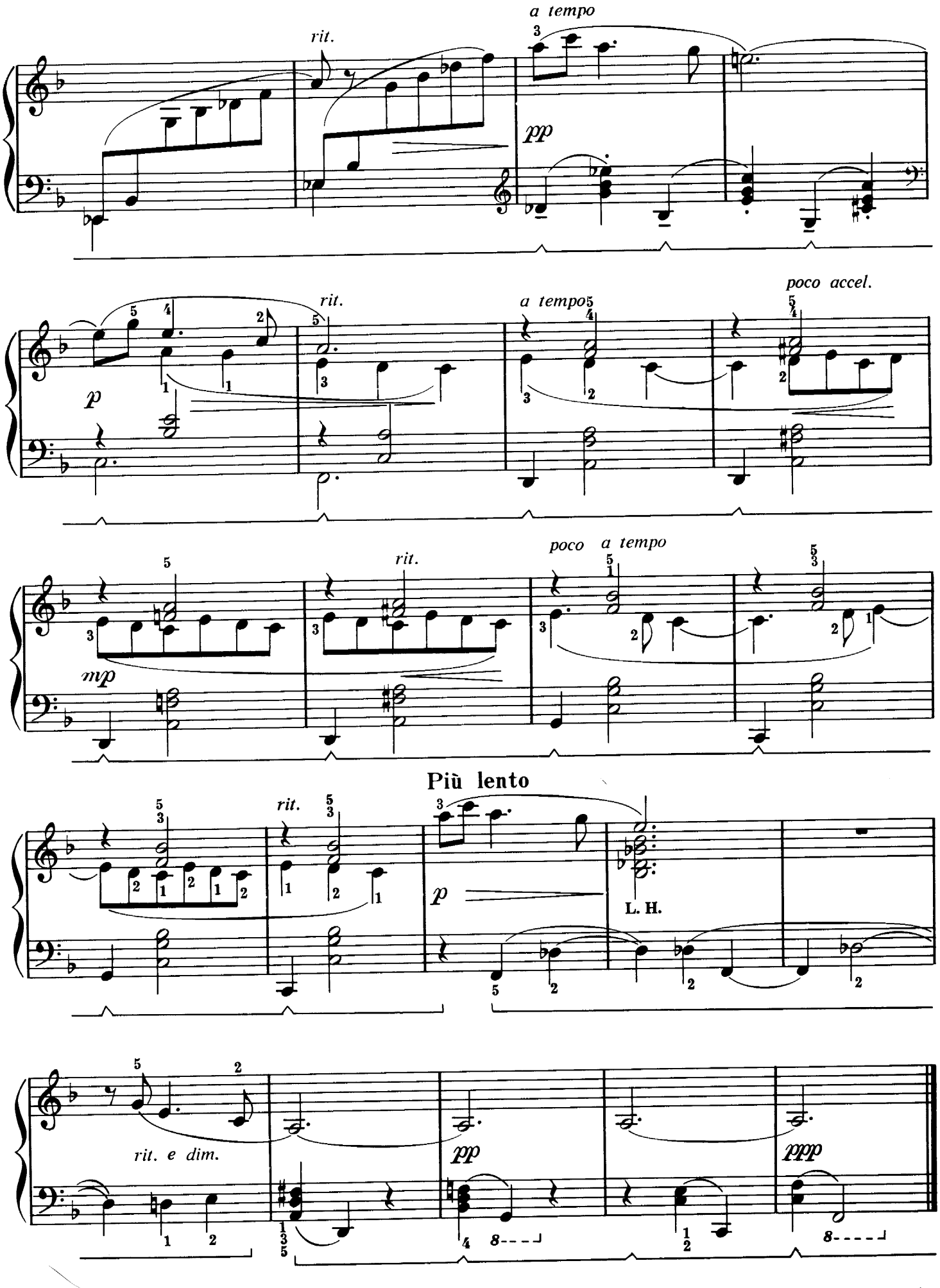
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a tempo
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poco a tempo
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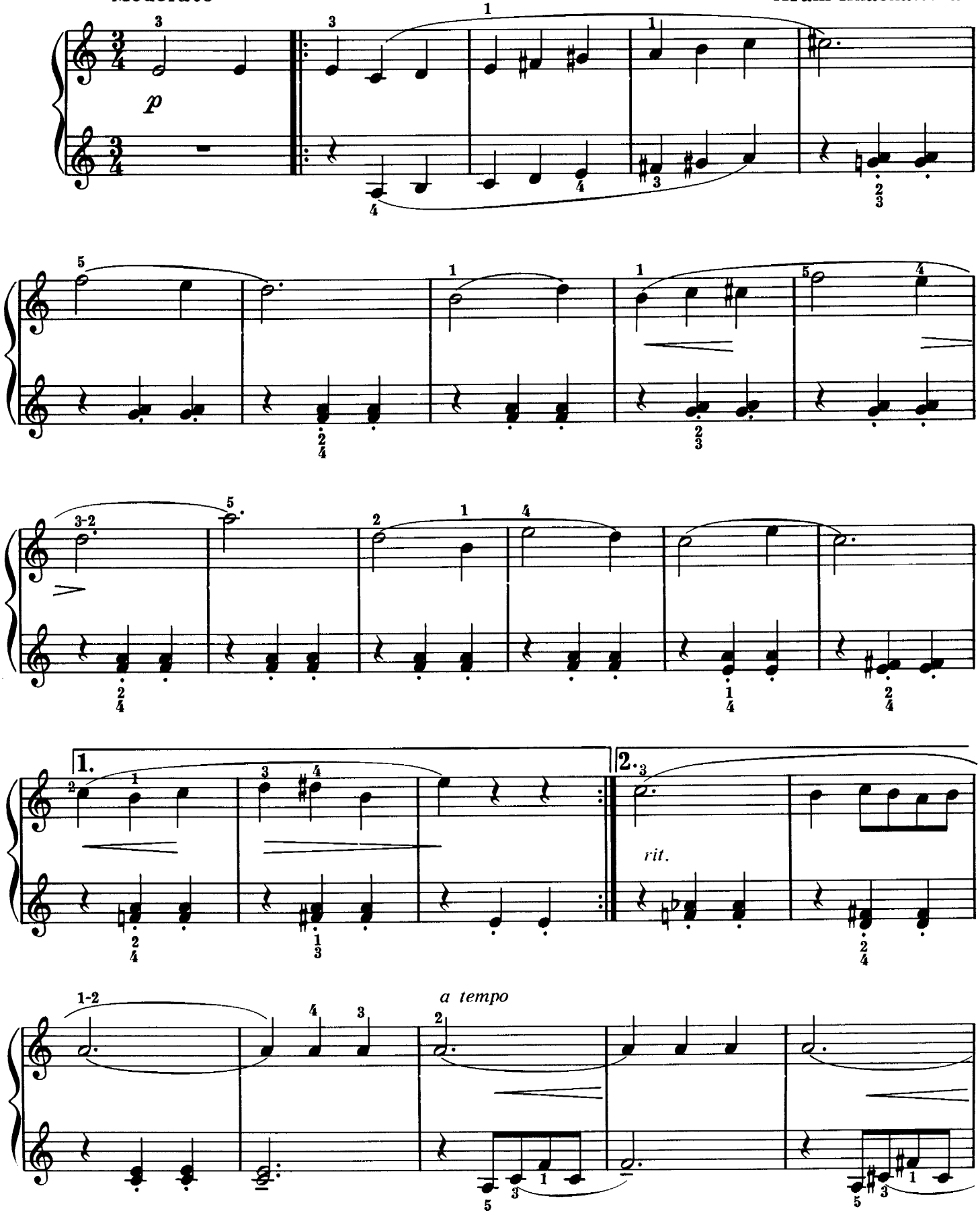
Evening Song

Moderato

Aram Khachaturian



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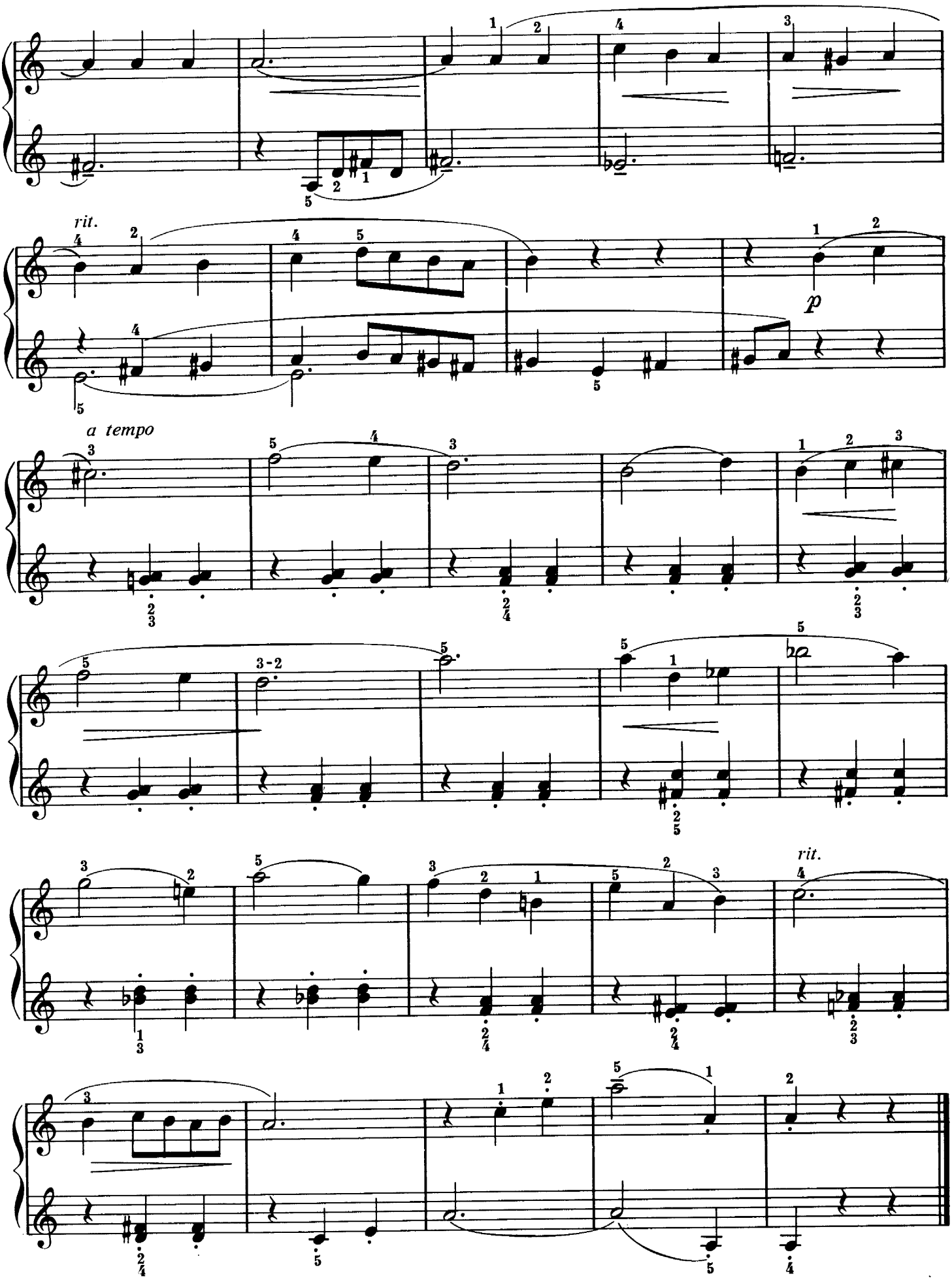
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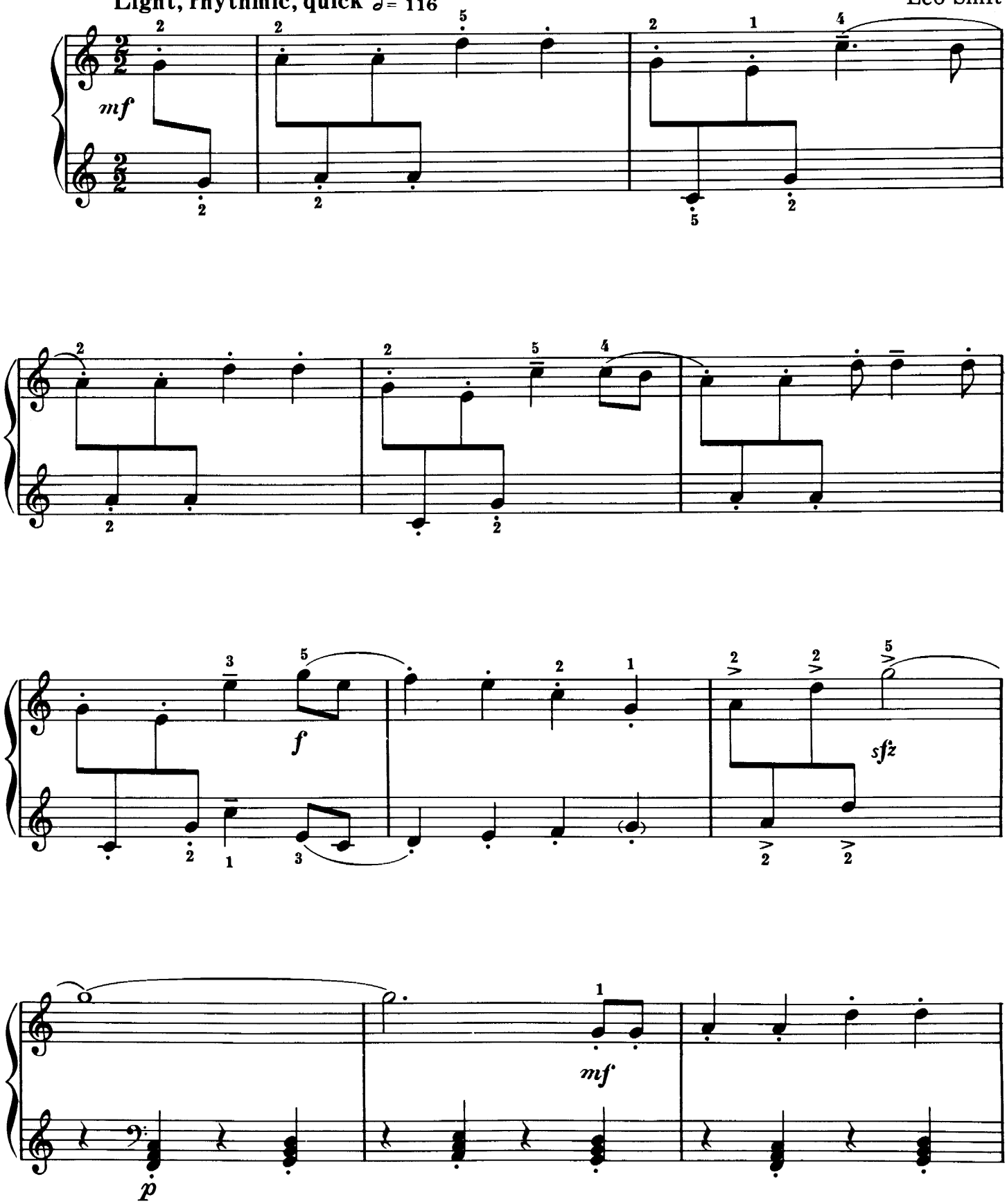
Little Fanfare

from "Five Pieces for Young People"

Light, rhythmic, quick ♩= 116

Leo Smit



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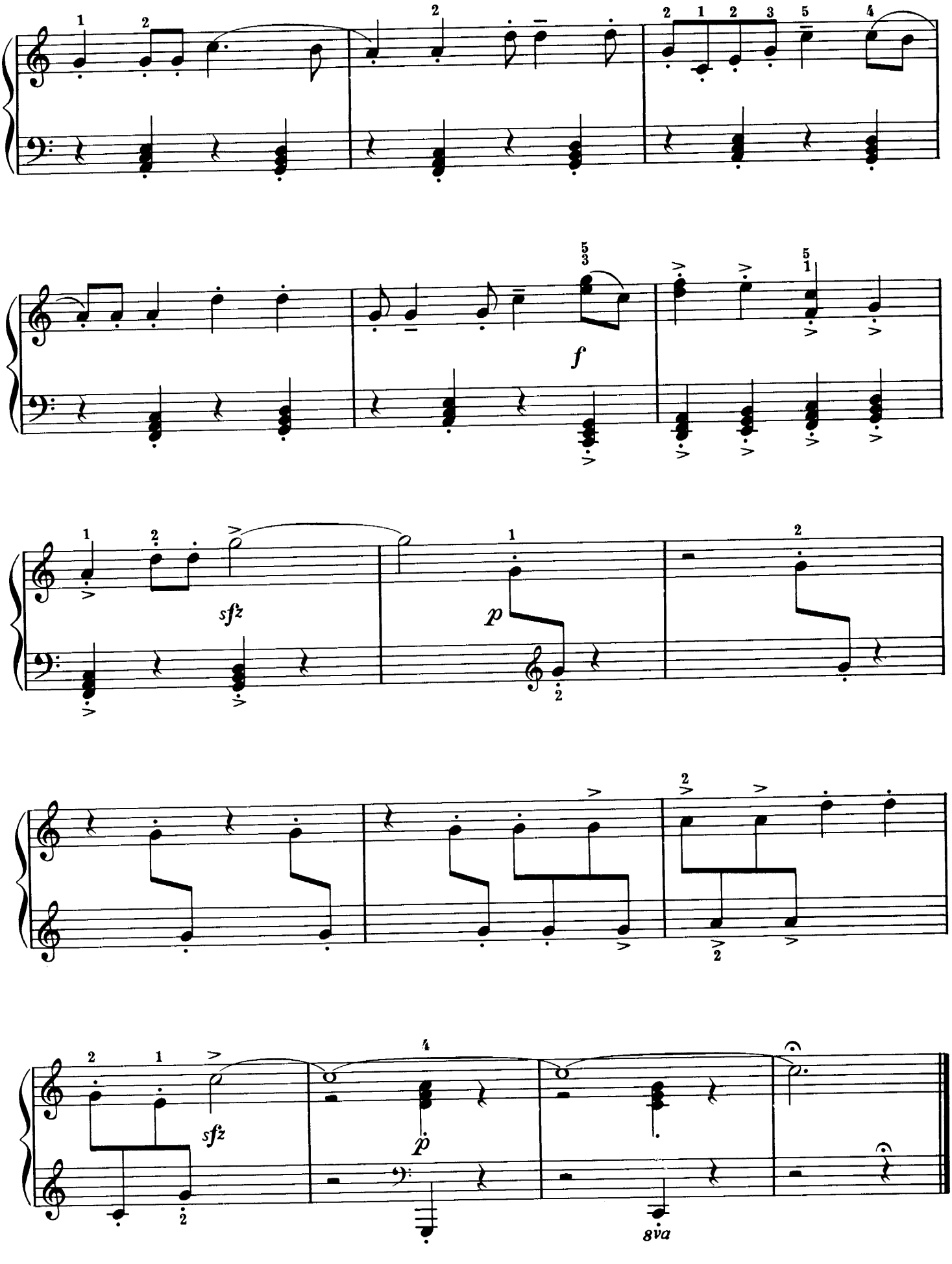
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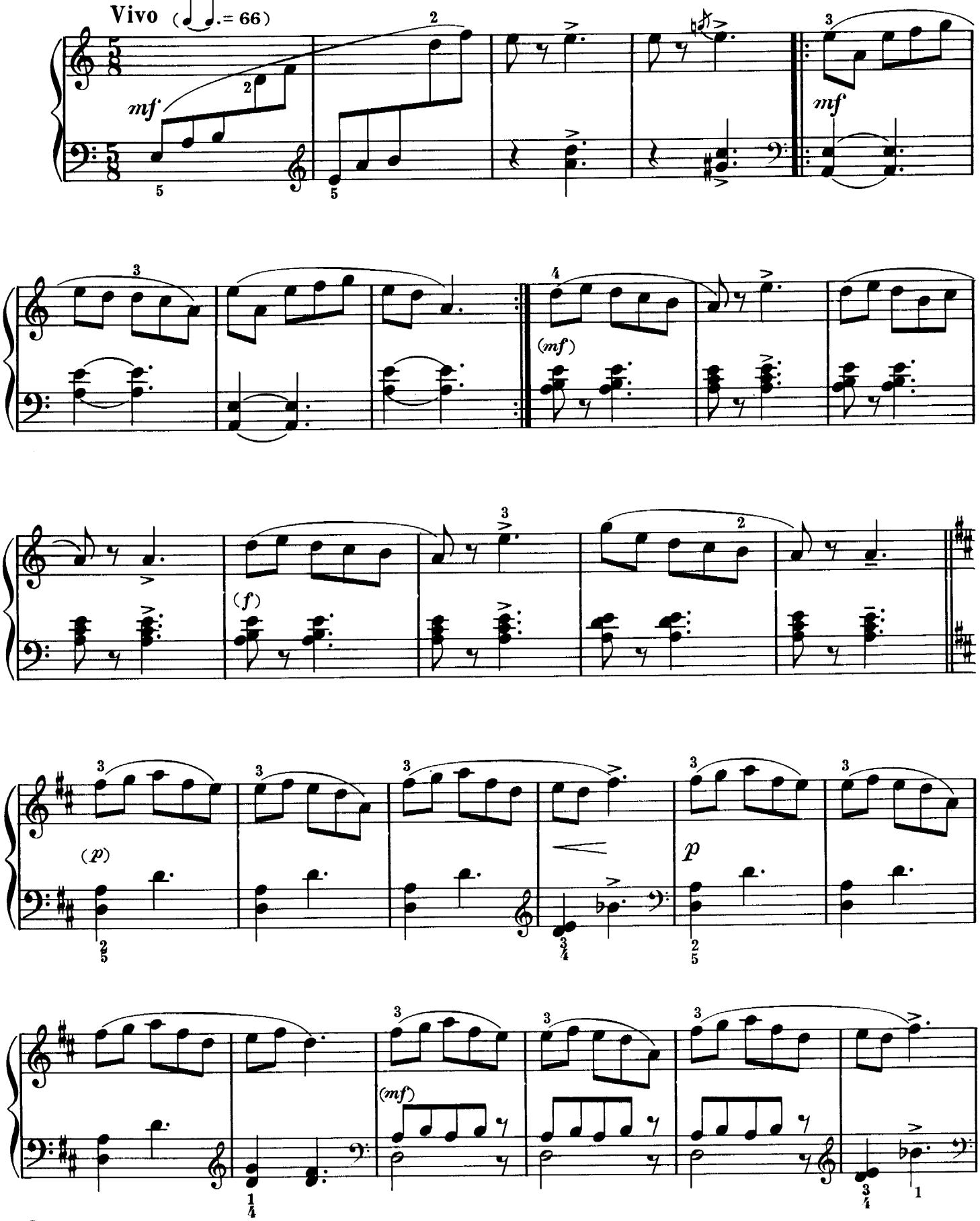
Bulgarian Peasant Dance

Veselin Stoyanov



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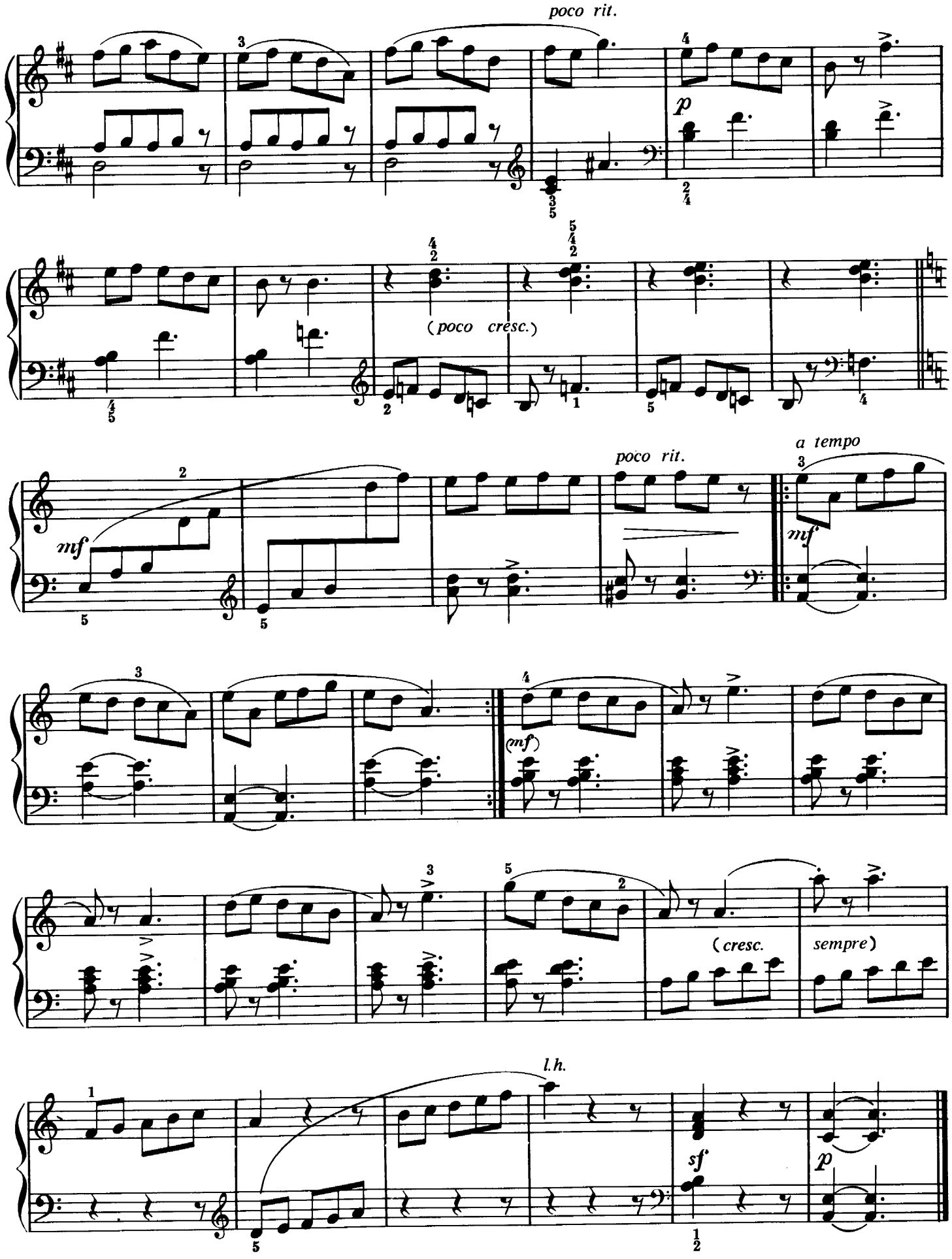
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(cresc.
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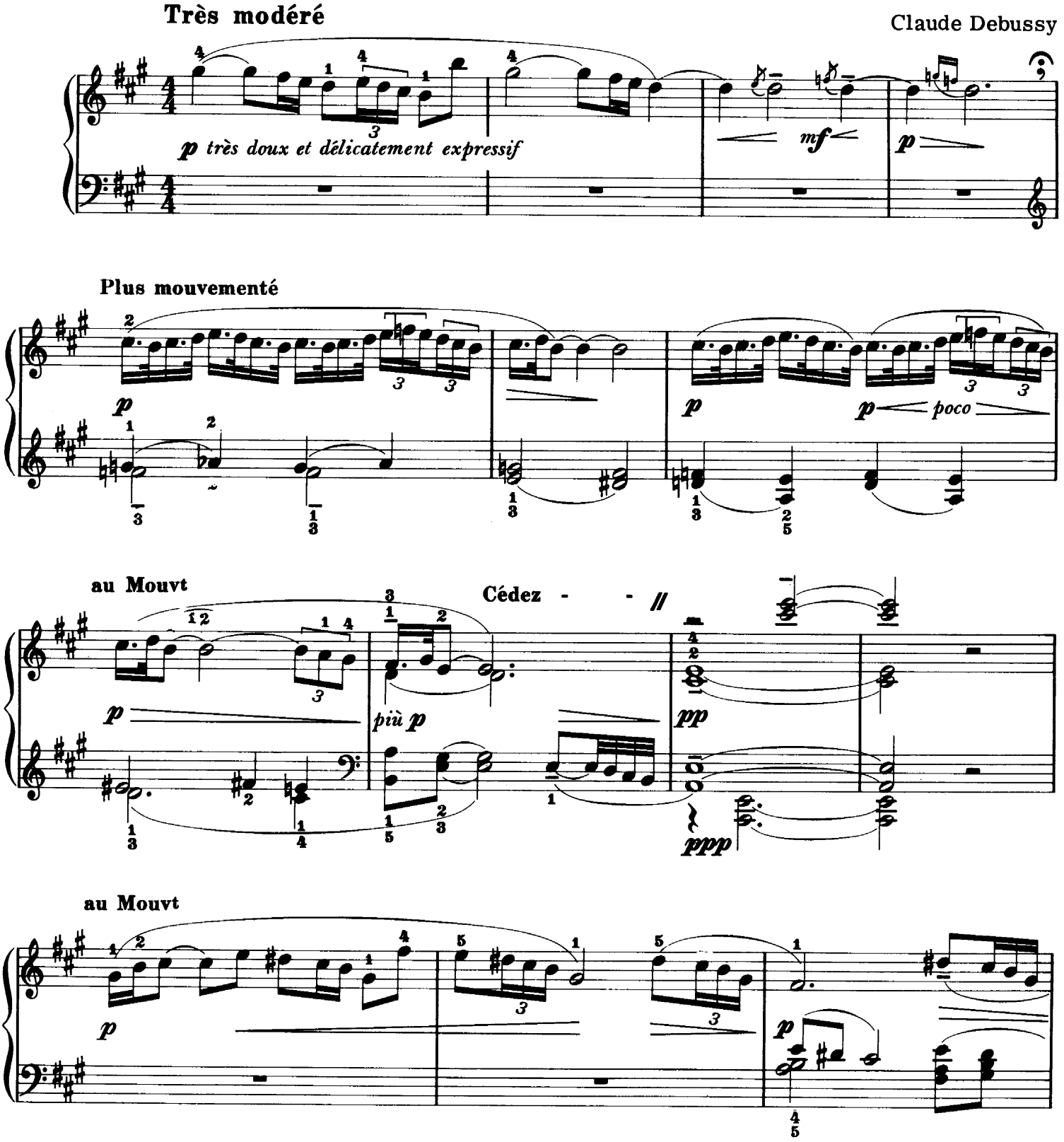
The Little Shepherd



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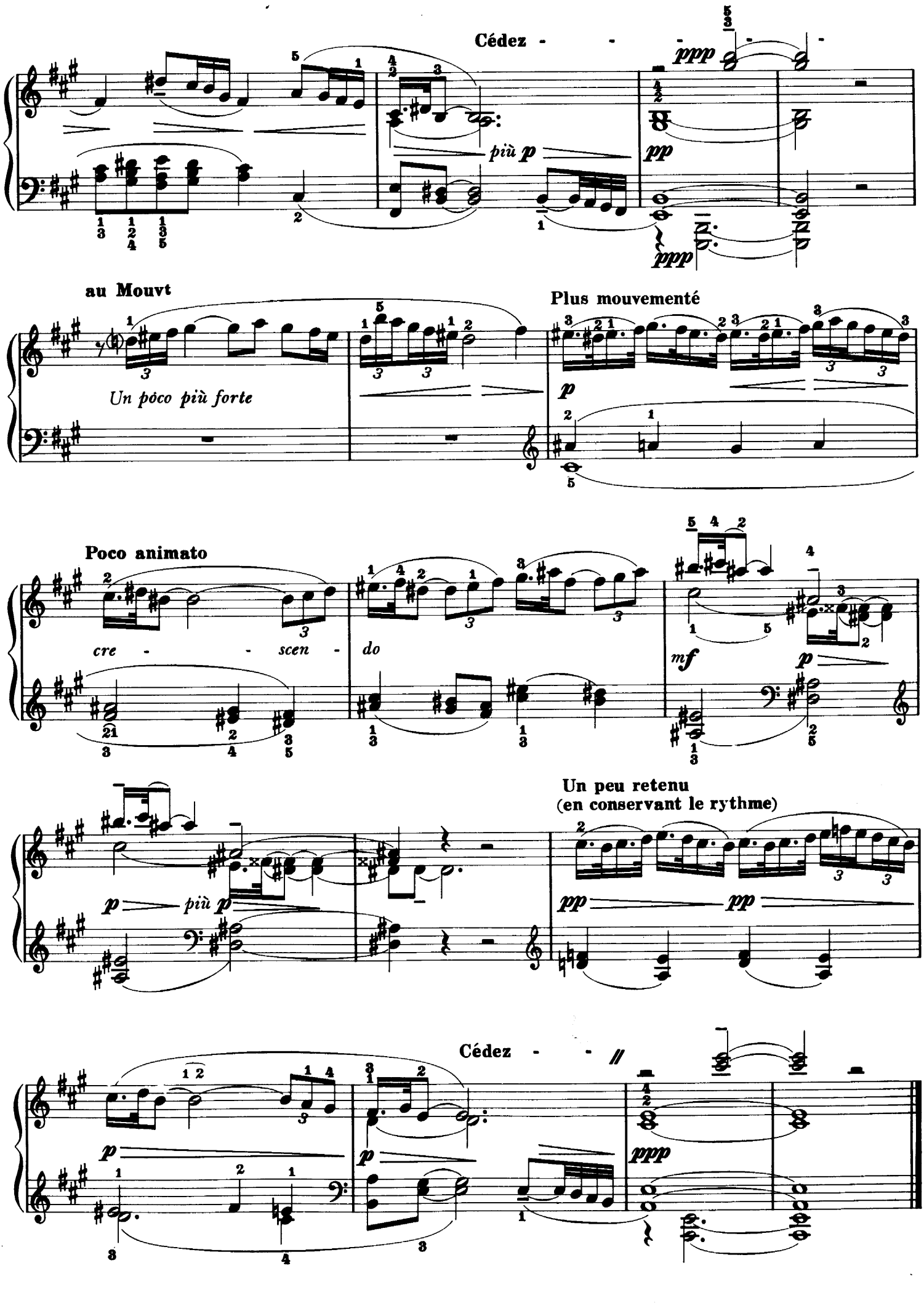
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au Mouvt
Un póco più forte
Plus mouvementé
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Poco animato
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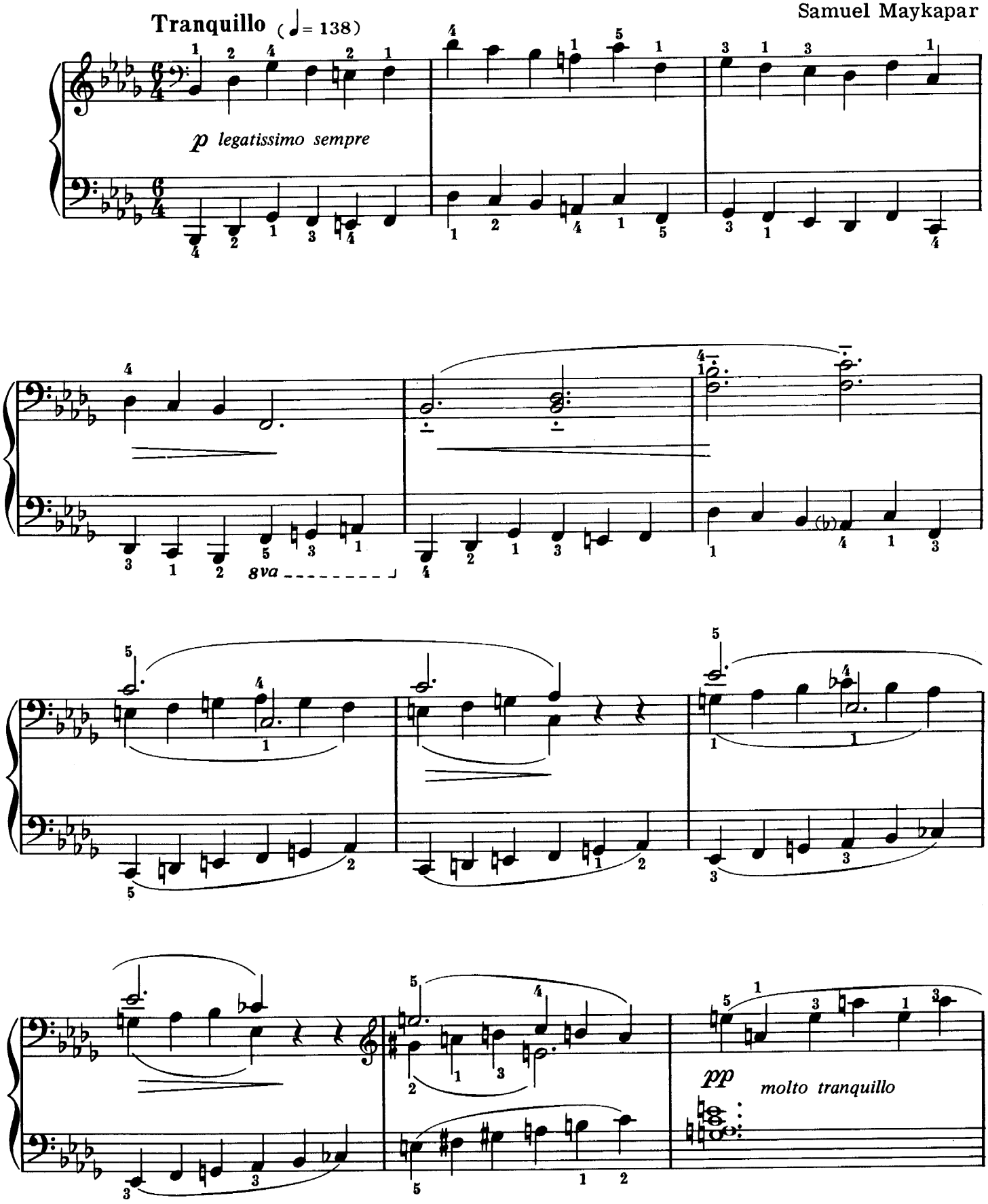
Clouds

Samuel Maykapar



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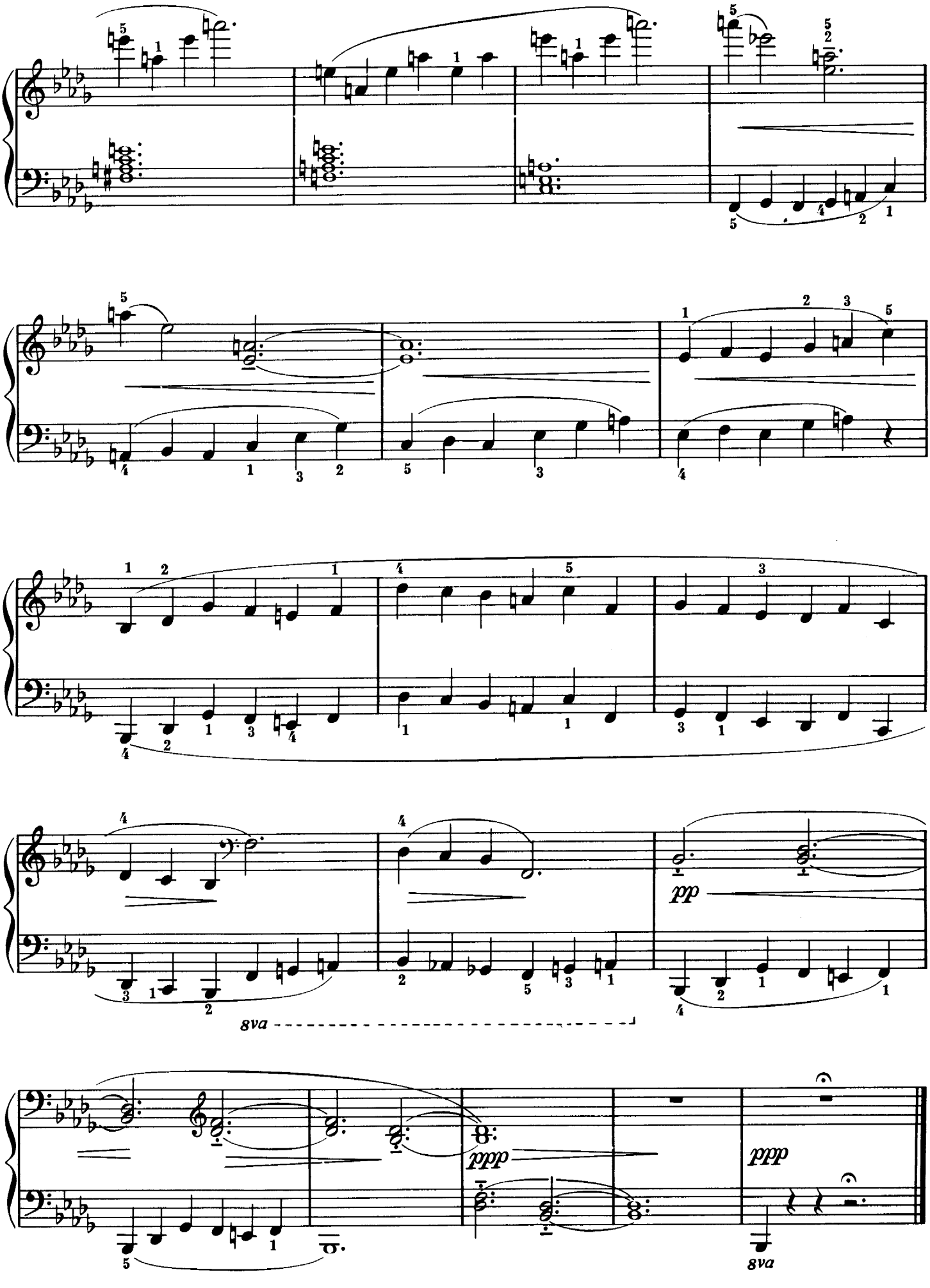
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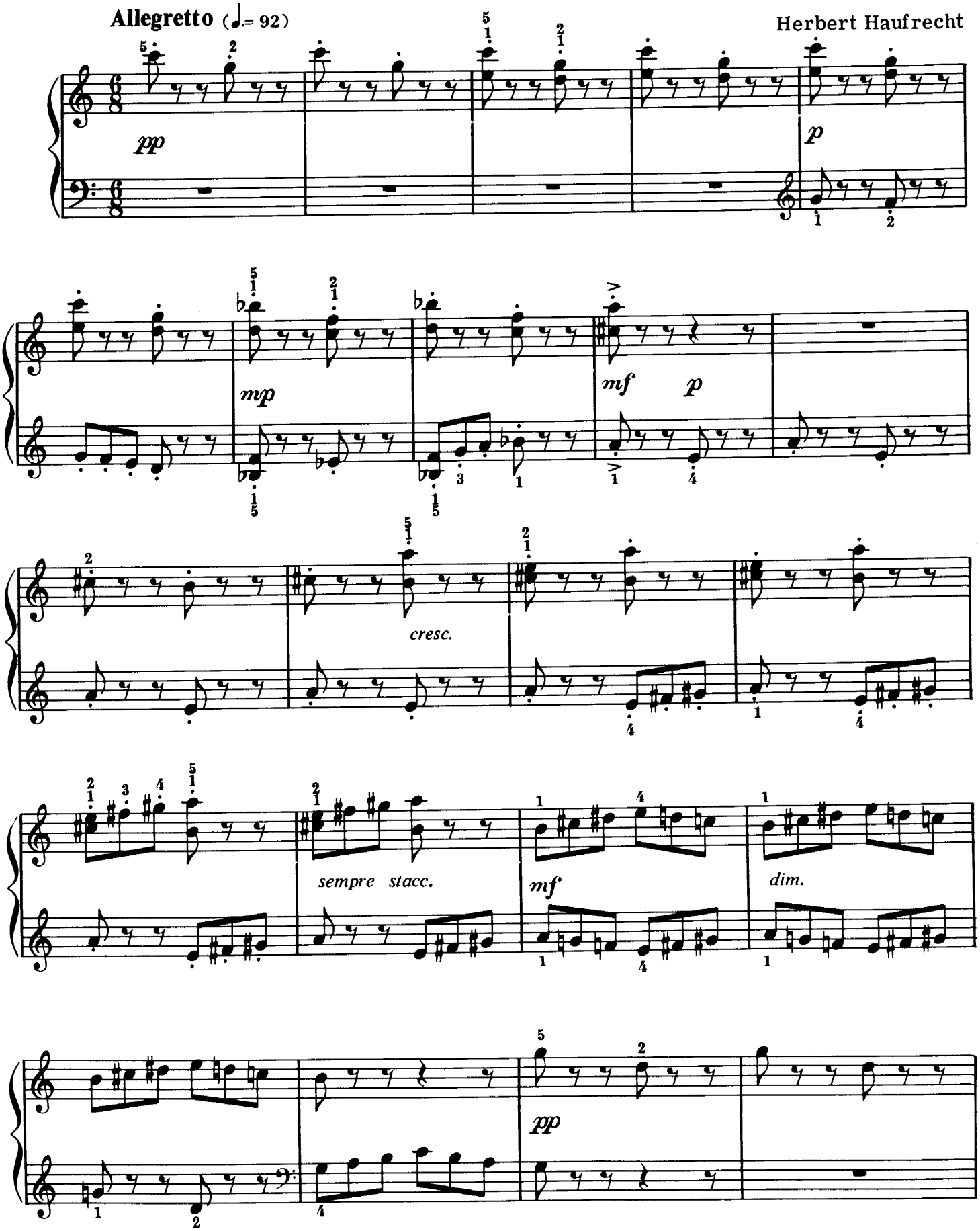
Tick-Tock Toccata



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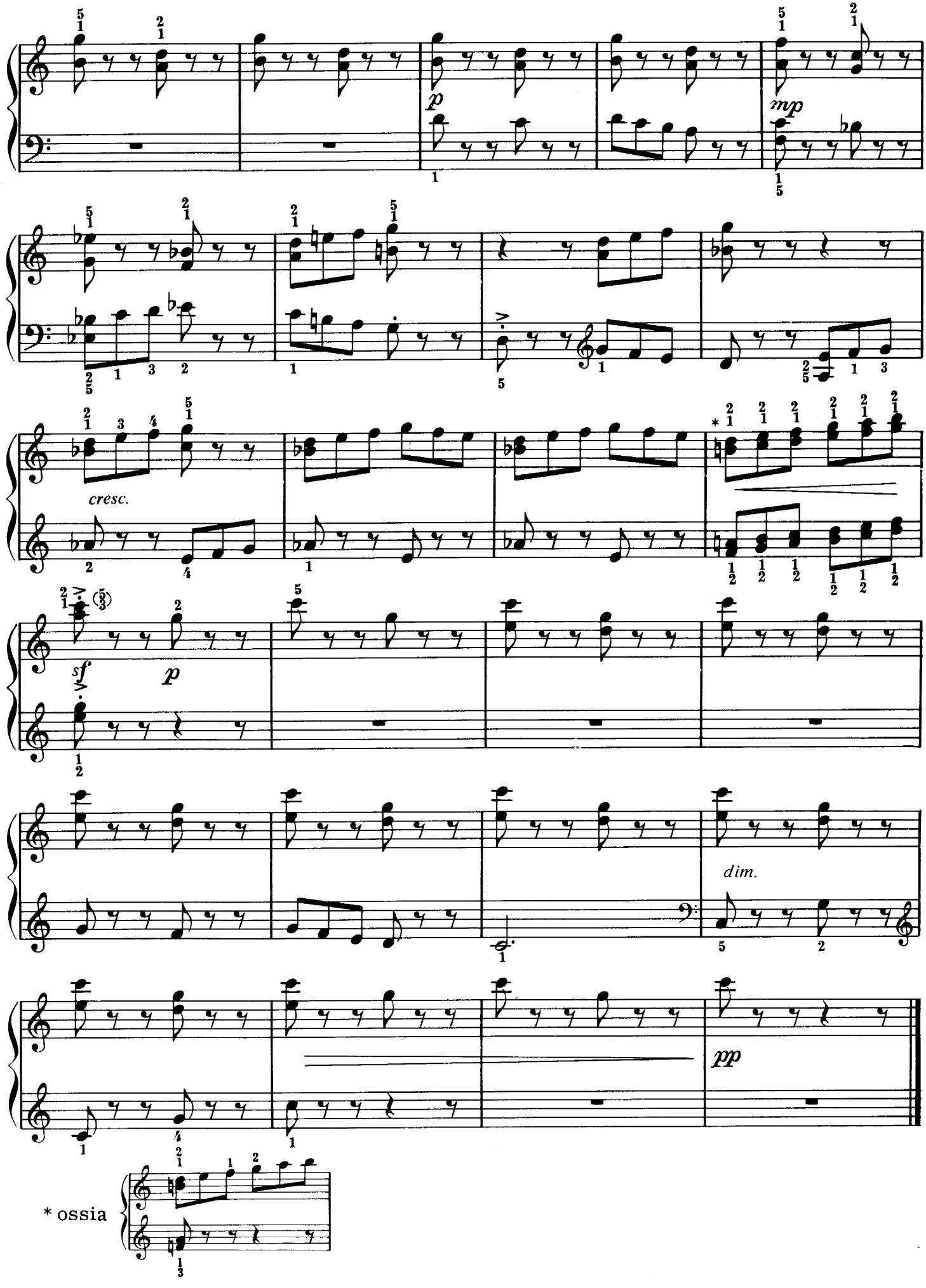
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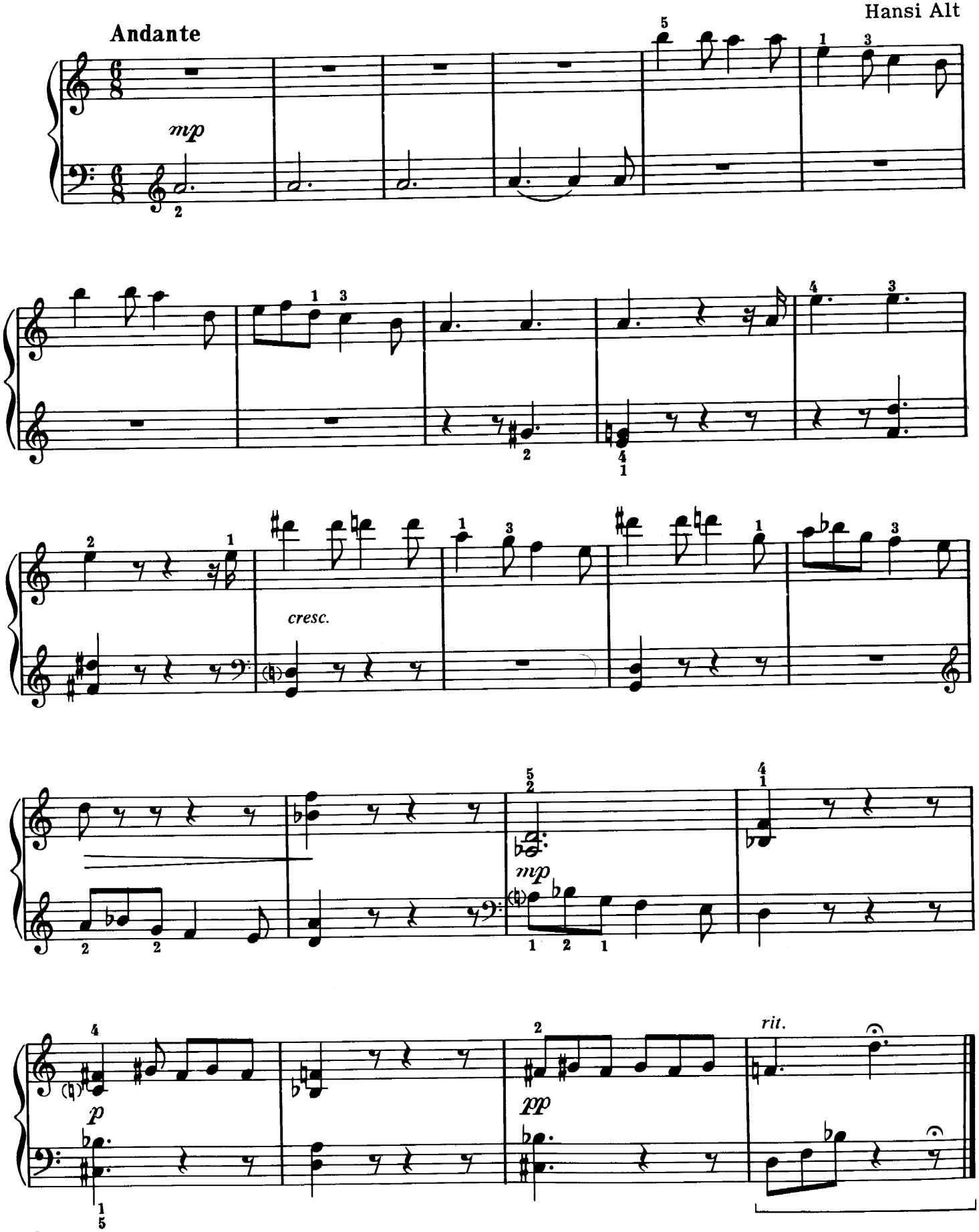
Dandelions on the Hill

Hansi Alt



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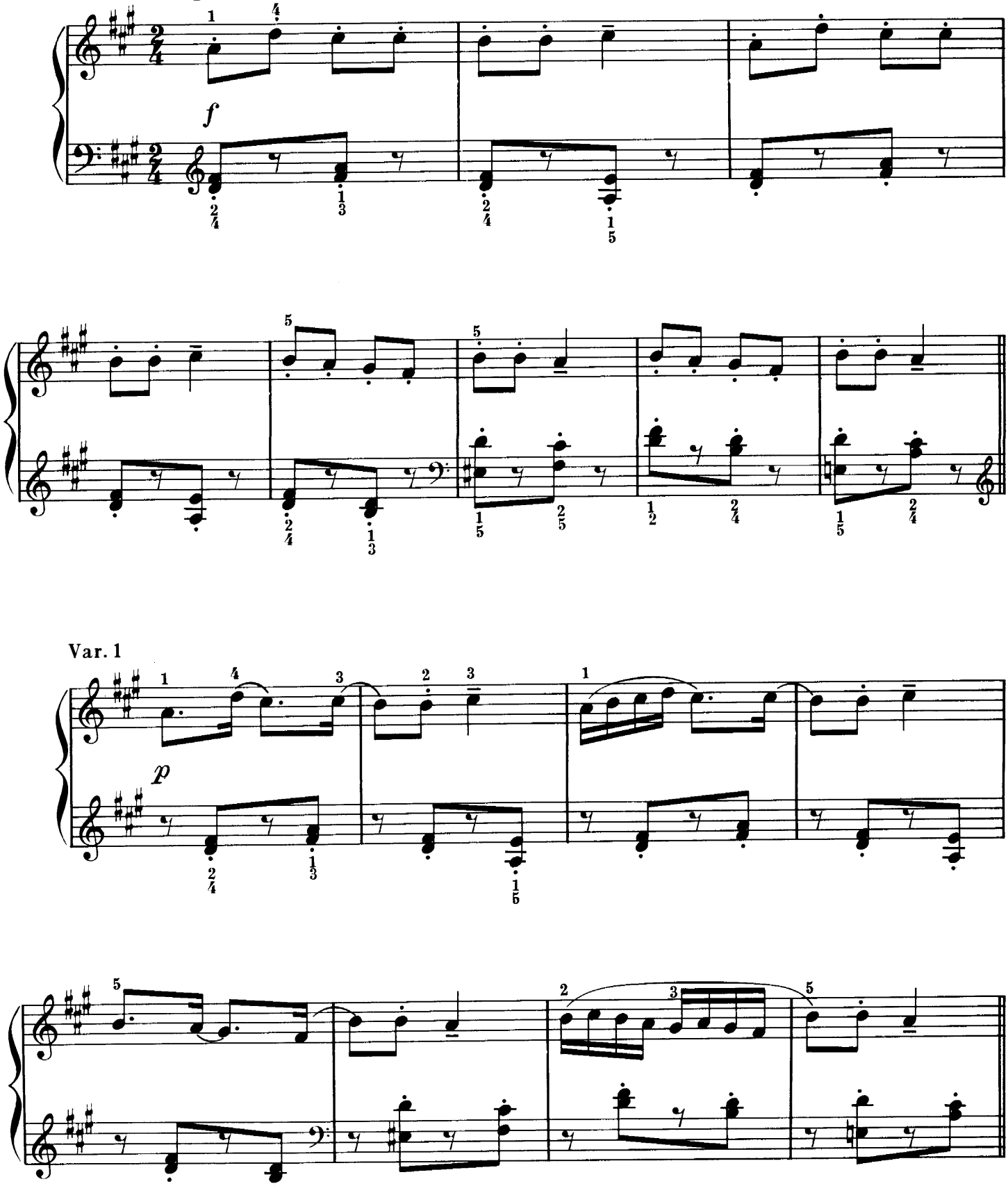
Variations on a Russian Folk Song

Op.51, No.2

Theme

Allegretto ♩=88-96

Dmitri Kabalevsky



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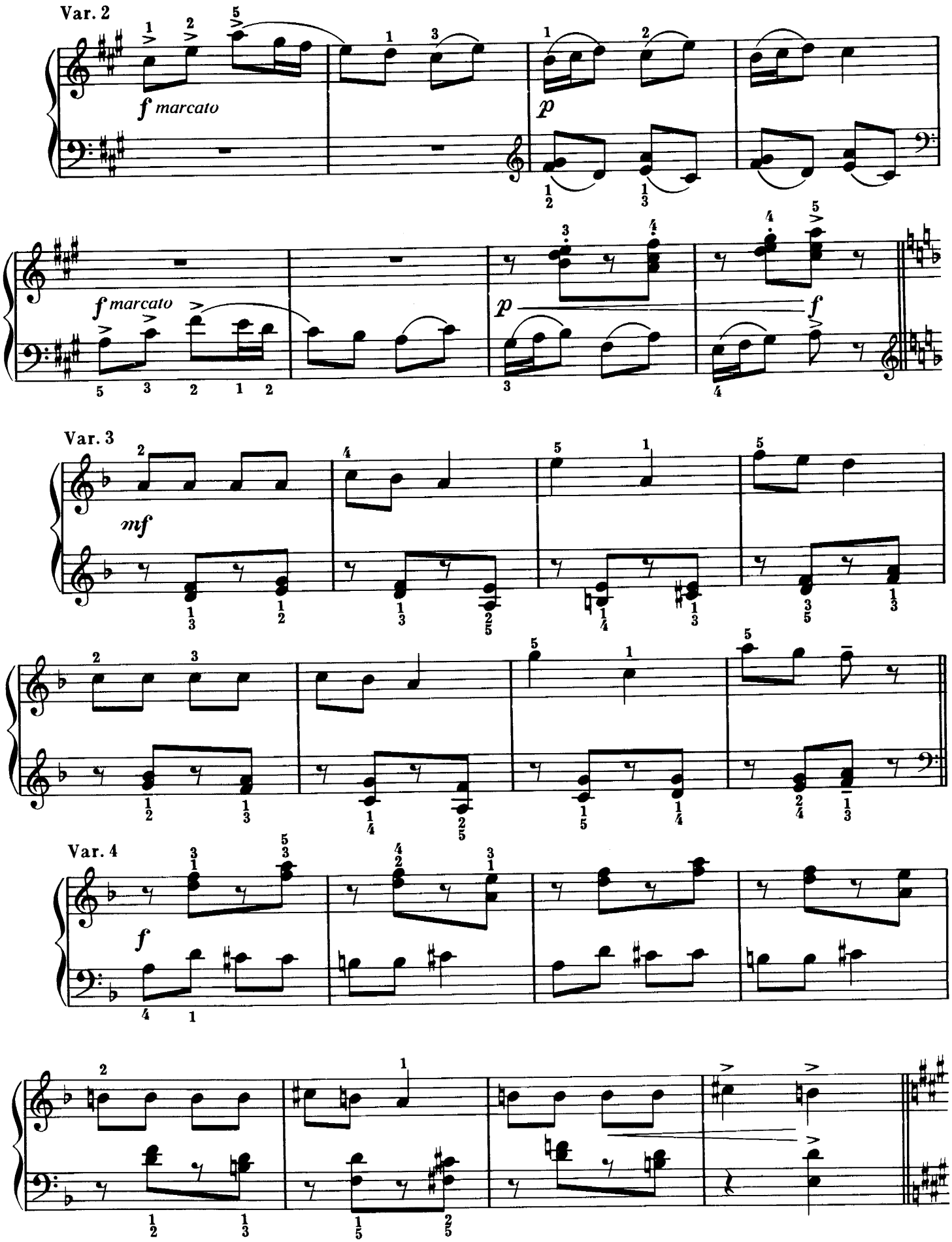
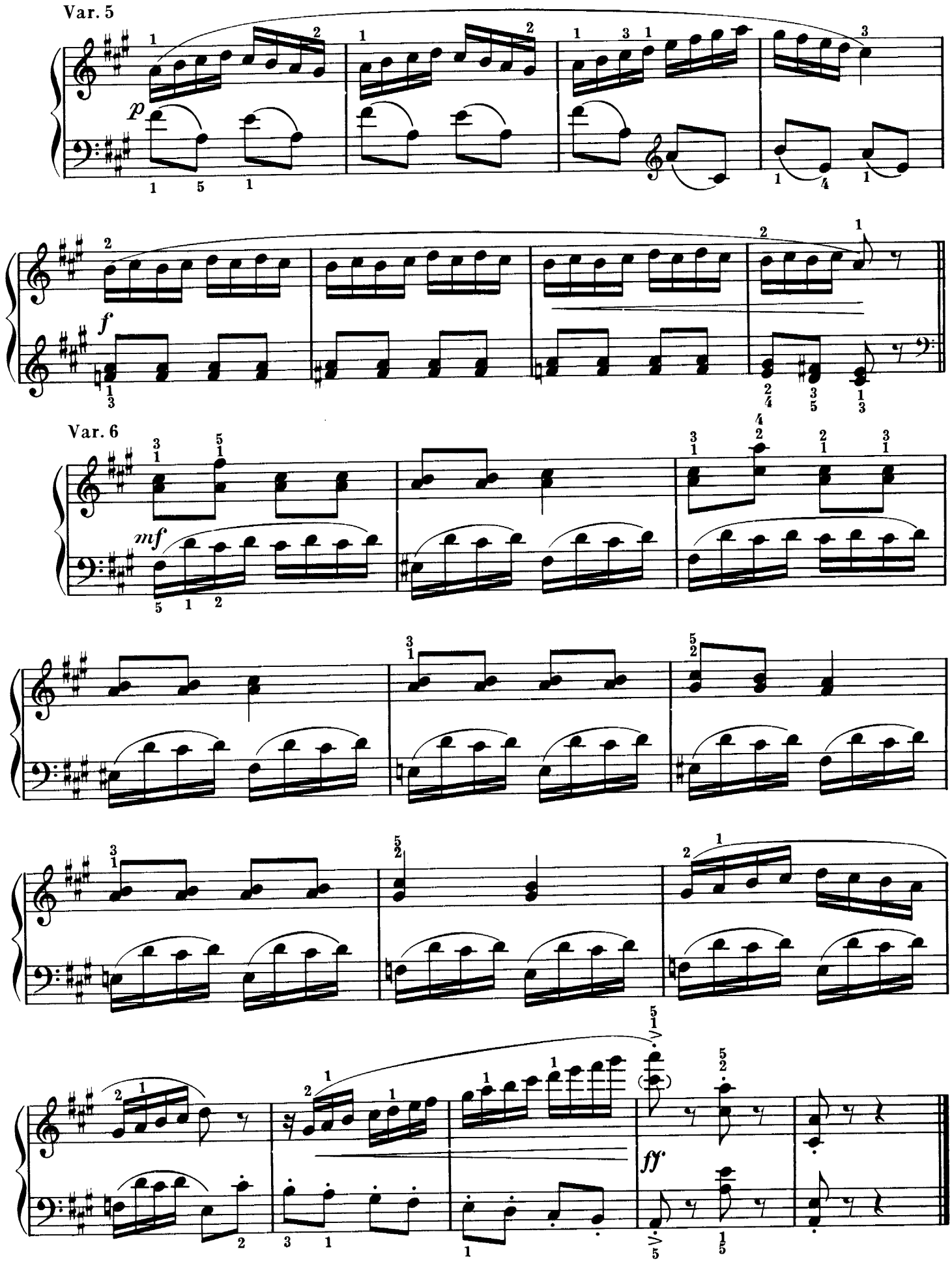
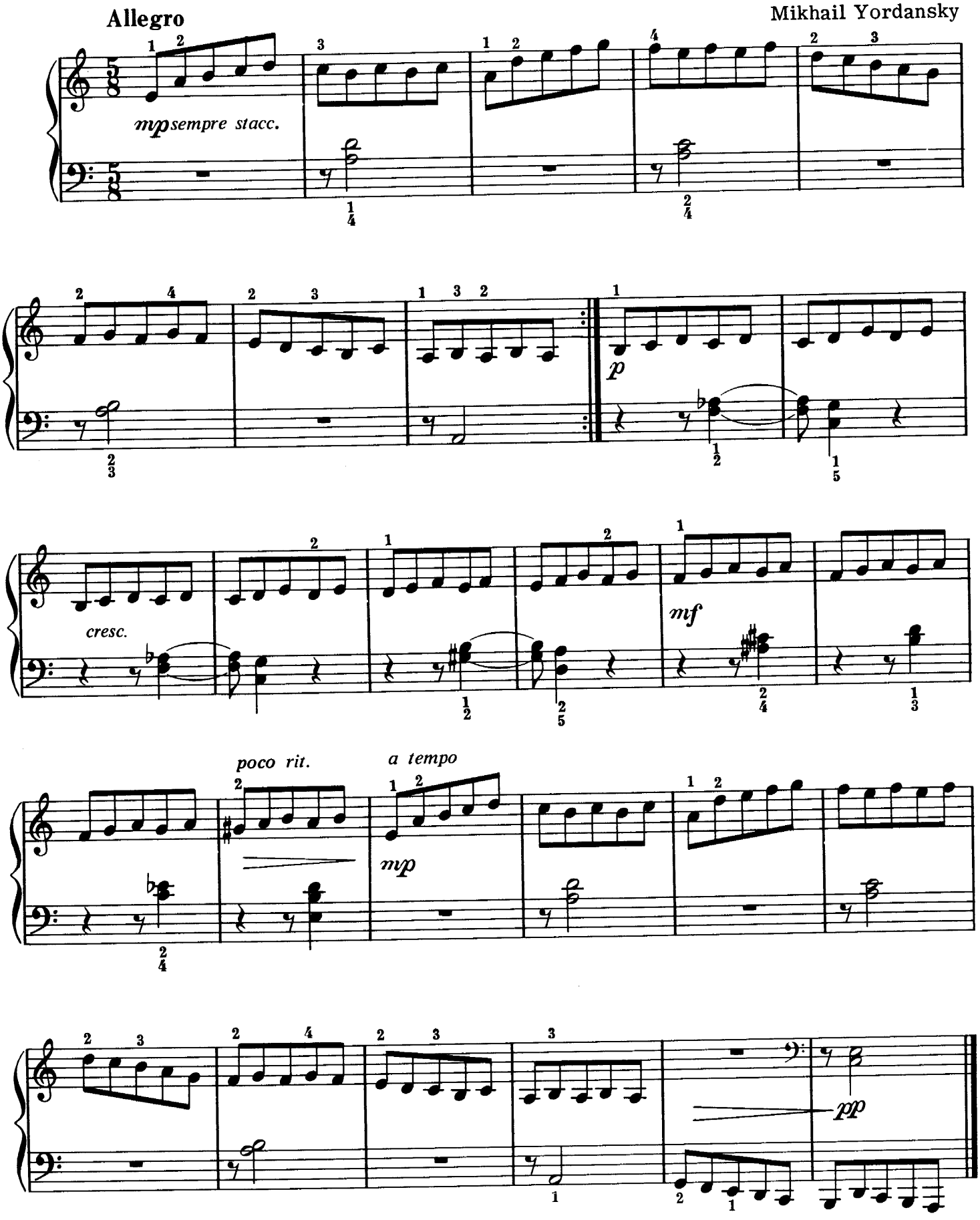

Var. 2
f marcato
p
f marcato
p
f
Var. 3
mf
Var. 4
f


Var. 5
p
f
Var. 6
mf
ff

Toccatina

from "Ten Children's Pieces"

Mikhail Yordansky



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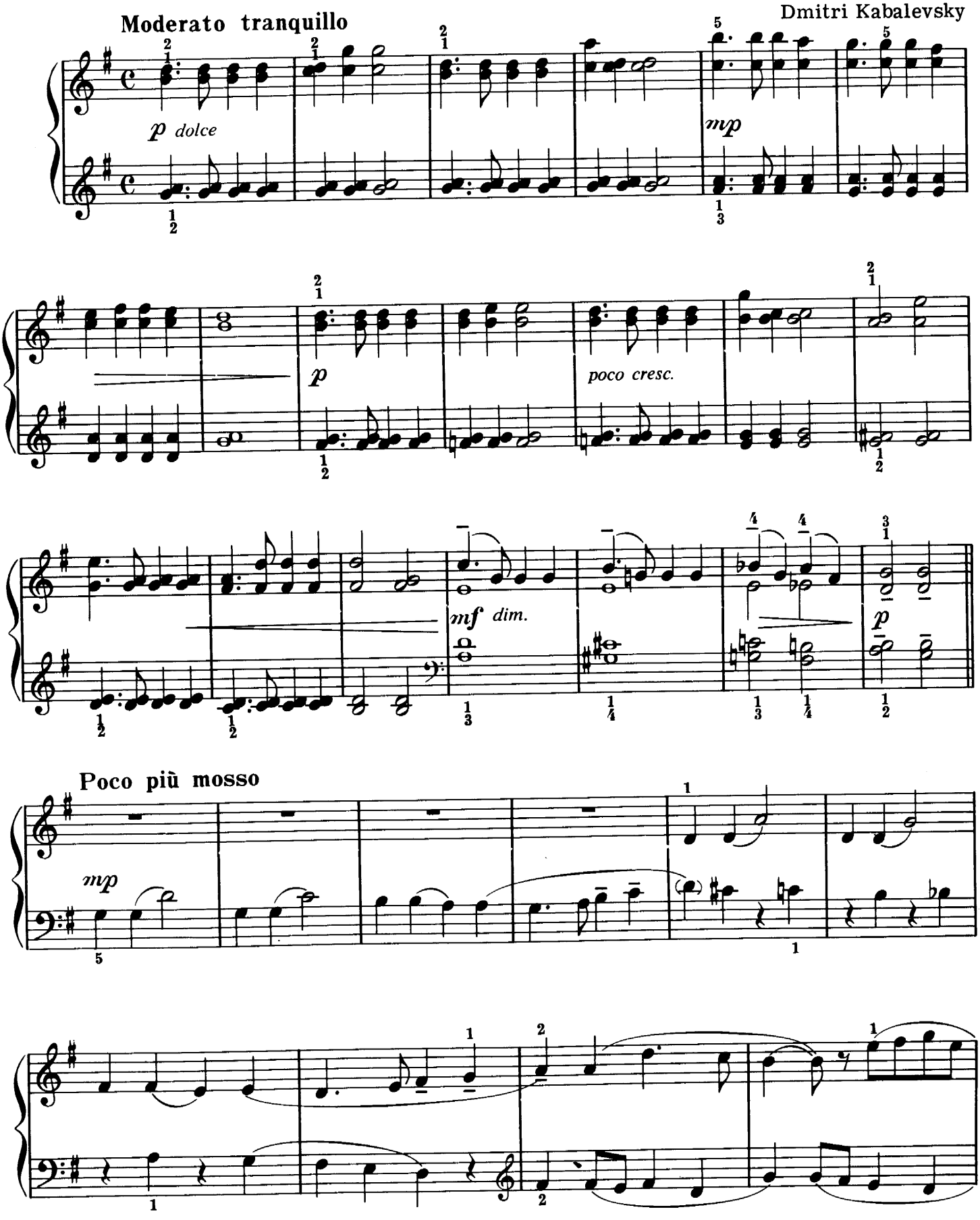
Prelude and Fugue

Op. 61, No. 1

Dmitri Kabalevsky



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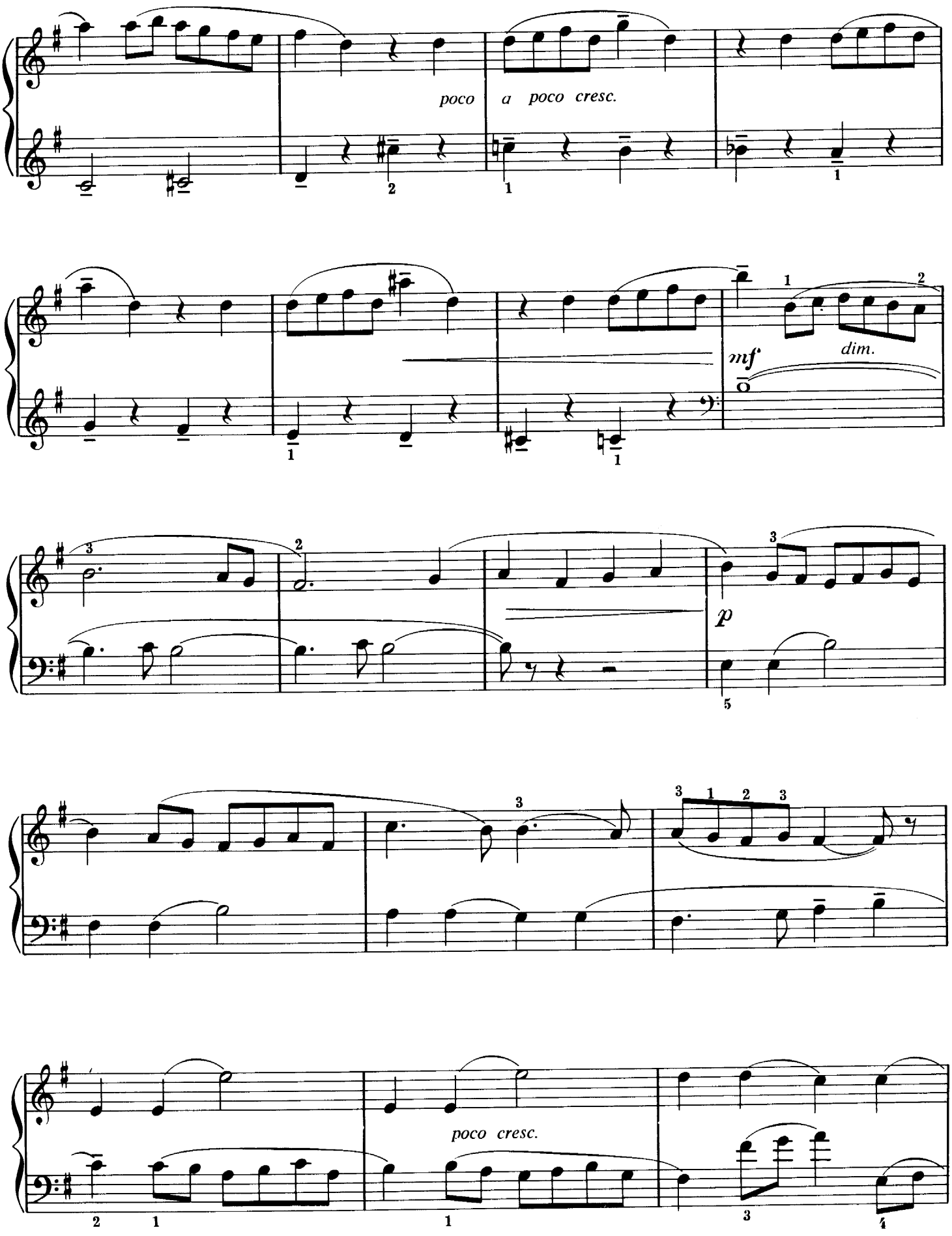
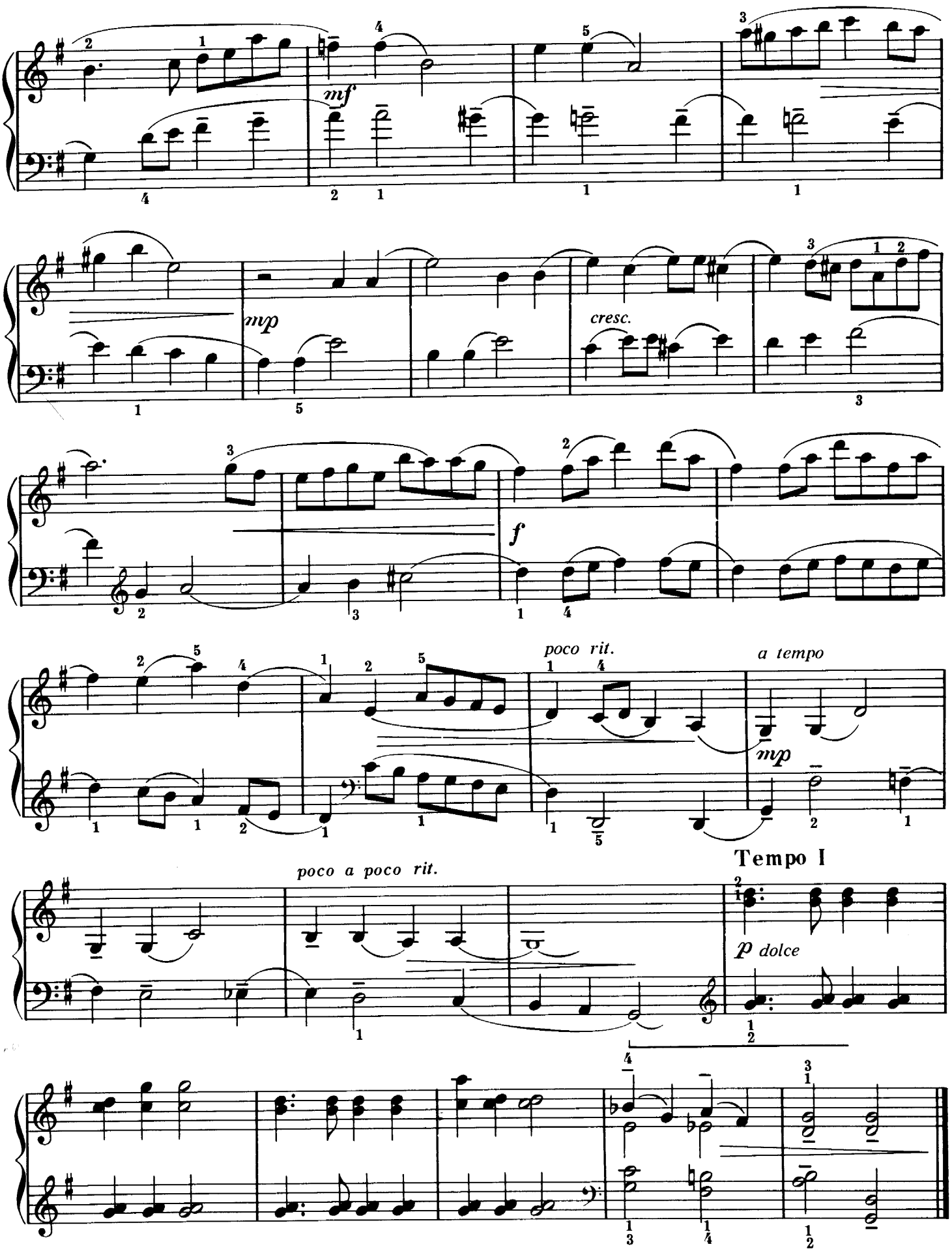

poco
a poco cresc.
mf
dim.
p
poco cresc.


mf
mp
cresc.
f
poco rit.
a tempo
mp
poco a poco rit.
Tempo I
p dolce

Gnossienne No. 3

Slowly

Erik Satie

p

ped. simile

plan with care

arm yourself with keen understanding

(poco cresc.)

alone, for a moment

(*p*)

in a manner to achieve nothing

(*cresc.*)

8va

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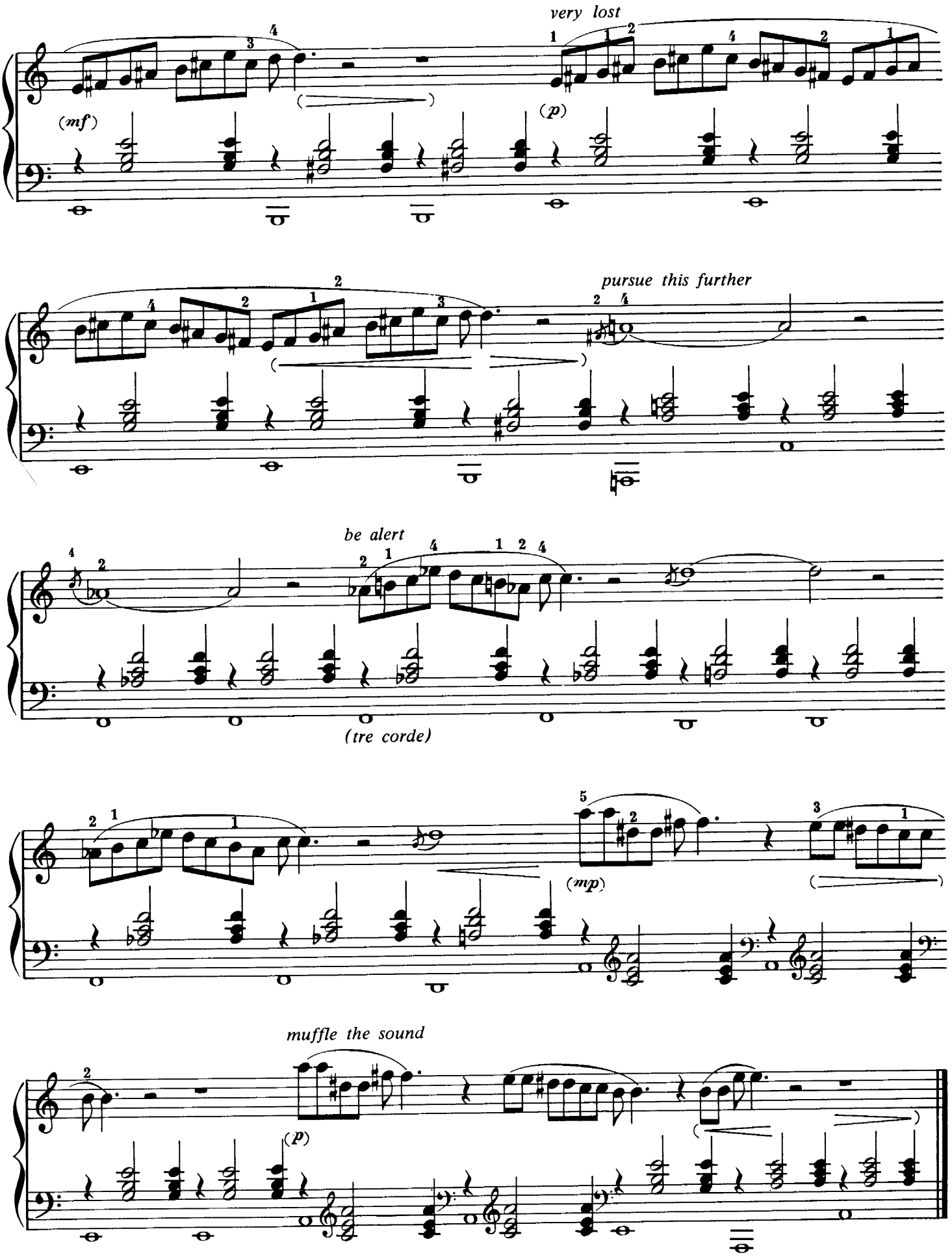
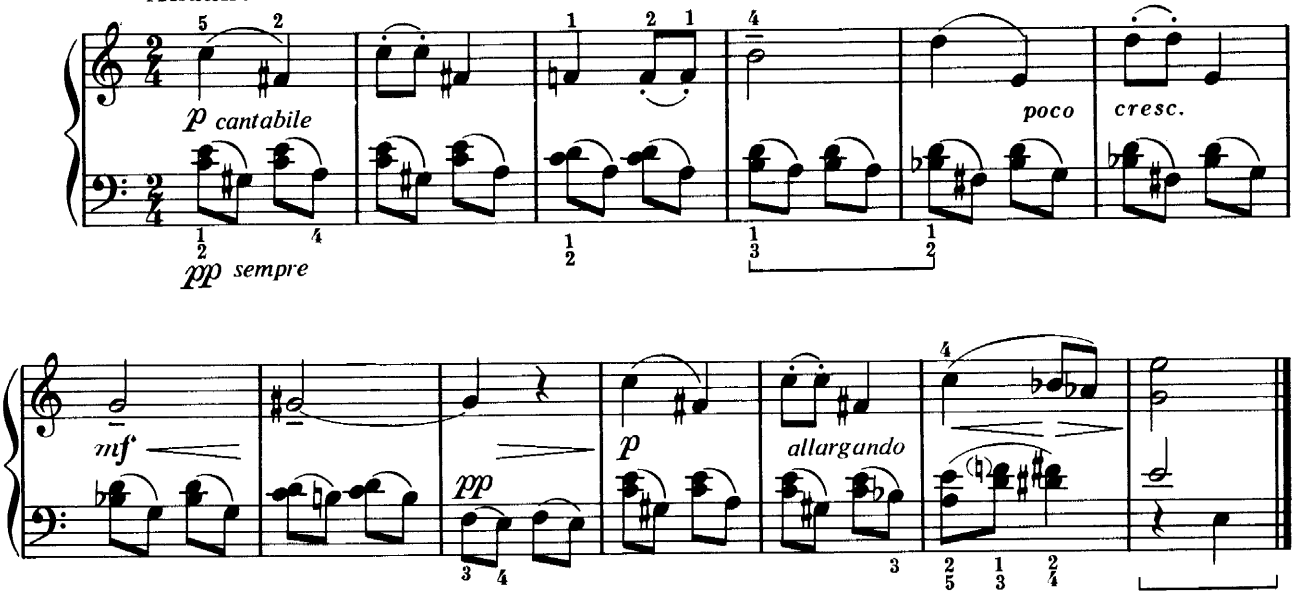

very lost
(mf)
(p)
pursue this further
be alert
(tre corde)
(mp)
muffle the sound
(p)

Cradle Song

Andante

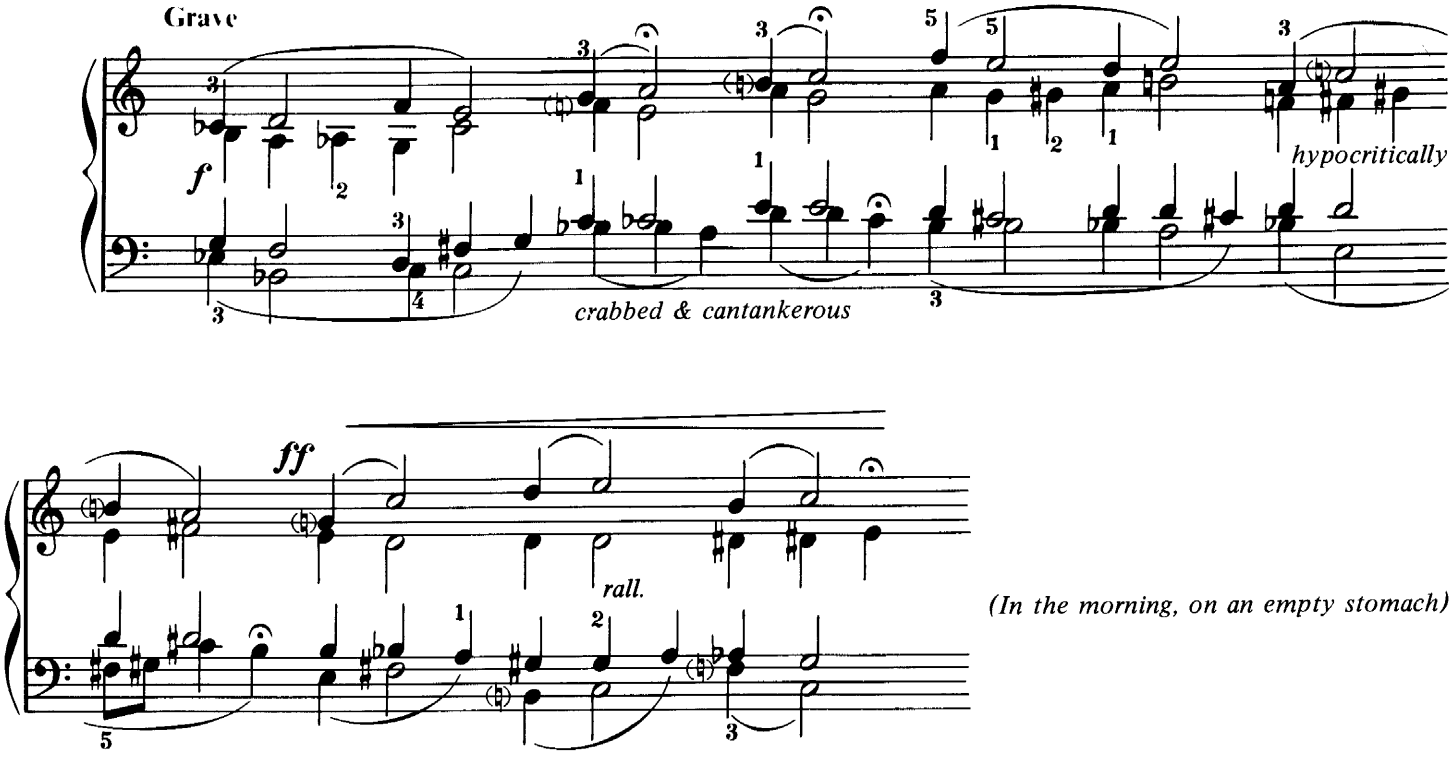
Nikolai Miaskovsky



Chorale

From "Sports et Divertissements"

Erik Satie
(1866-1925)



(In the morning, on an empty stomach)

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Hunting

From "Sports et Divertissements"

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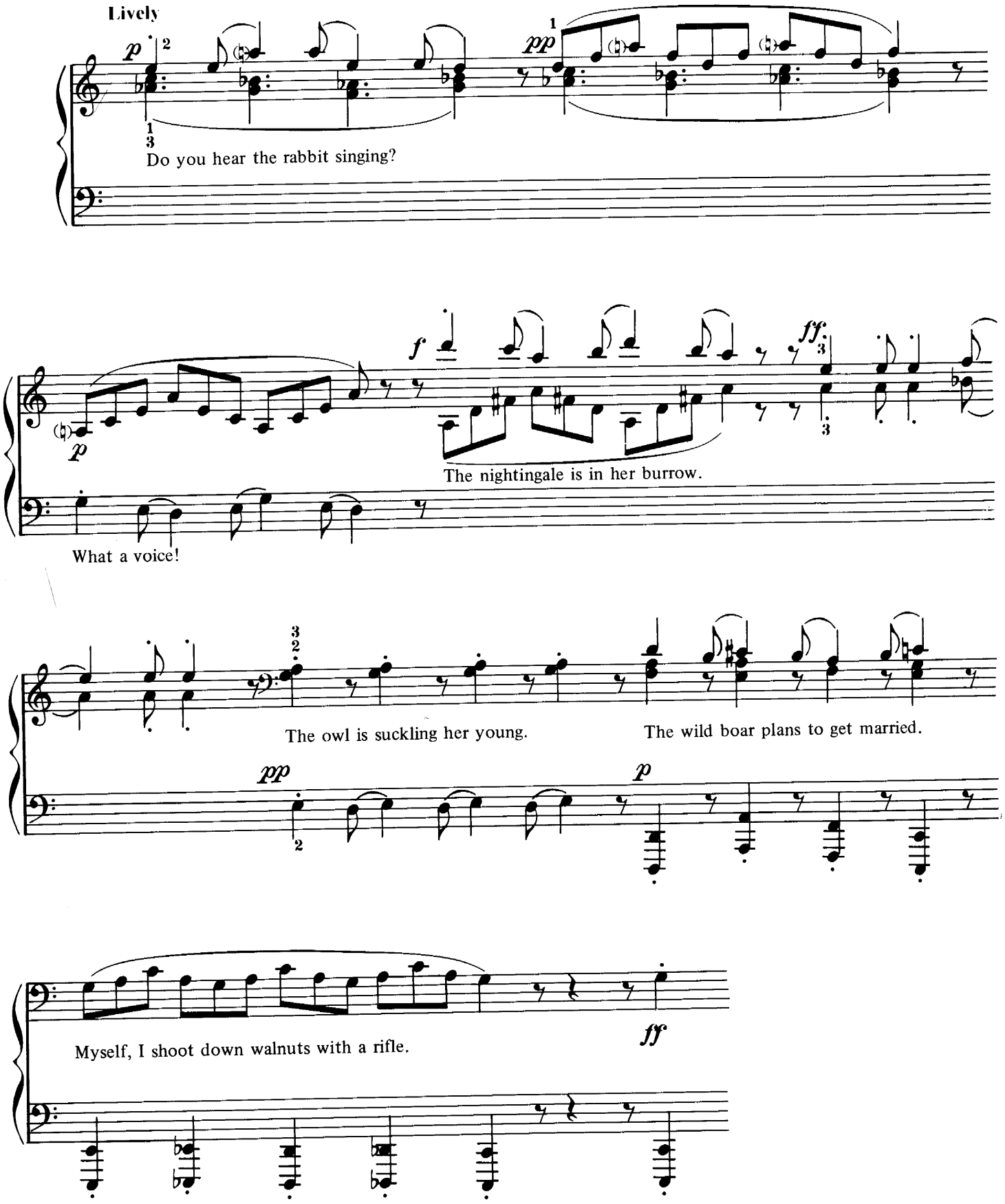

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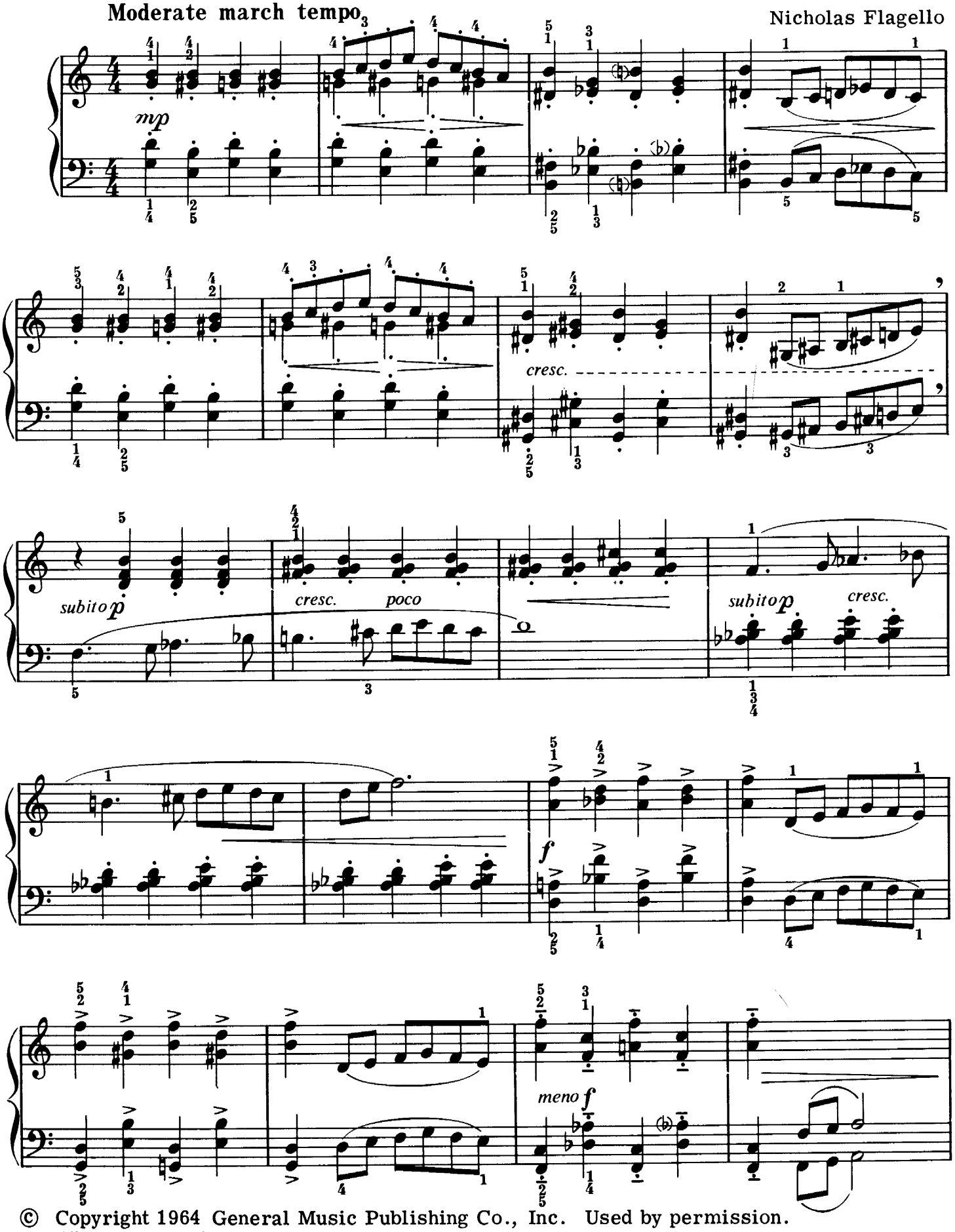
March

from "Episodes for Piano"

Moderate march tempo

Nicholas Flagello



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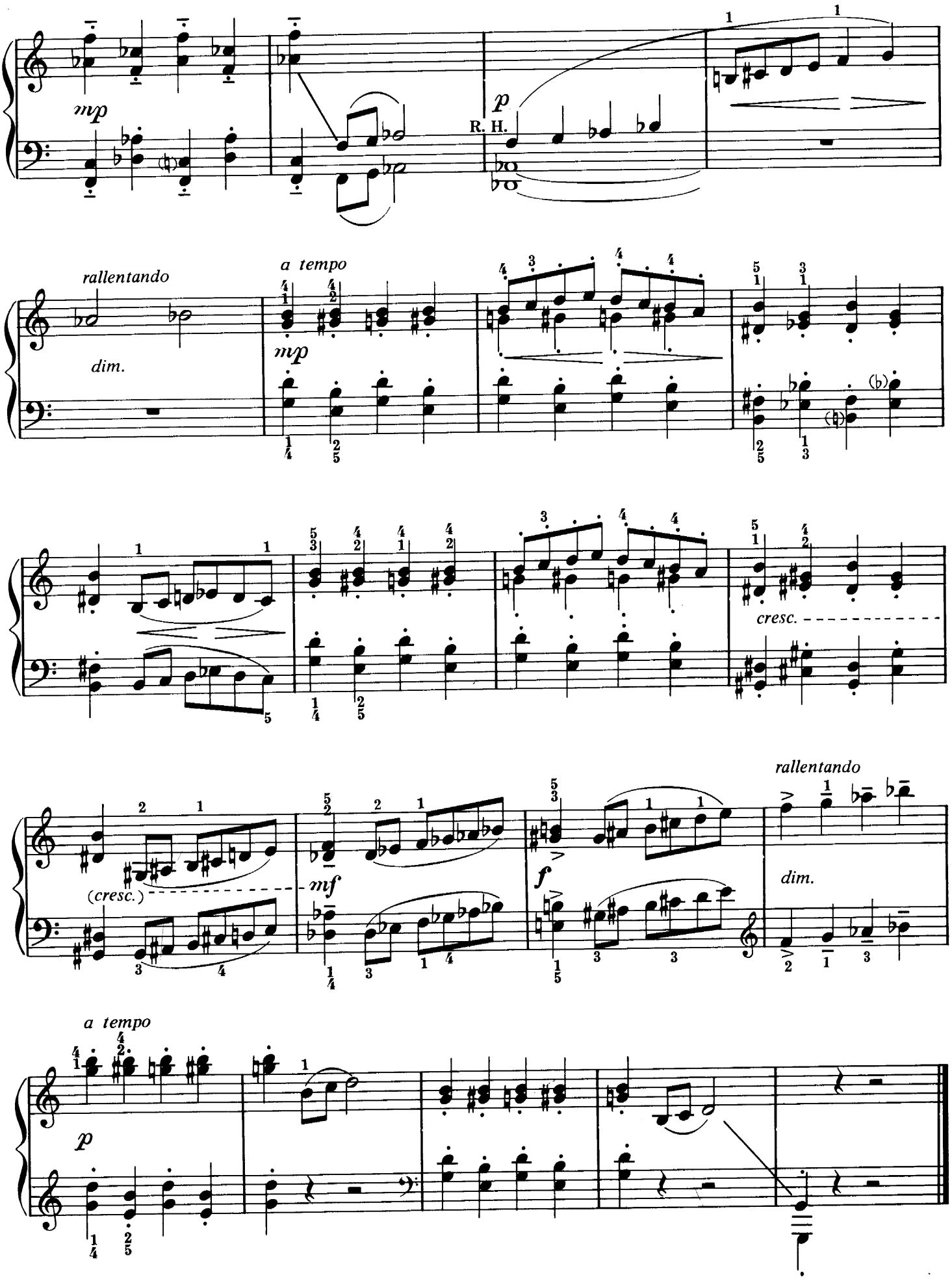
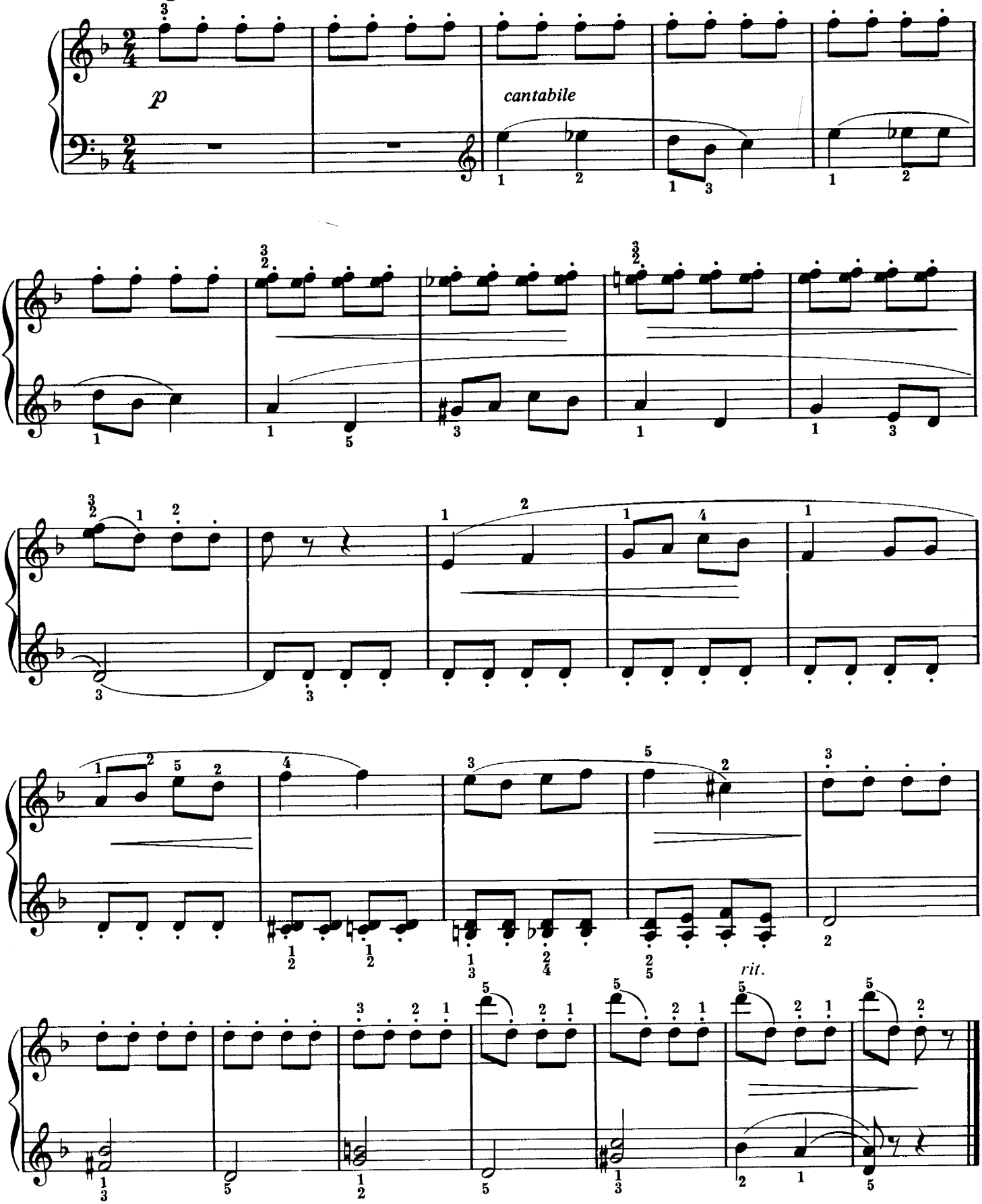

mp
p
R. H.
rallentando
dim.
a tempo
mp
cresc.
(cresc.)
mf
f
rallentando
dim.
a tempo
p

Autumn Frolic

Allegretto

Viacheslav Volkov



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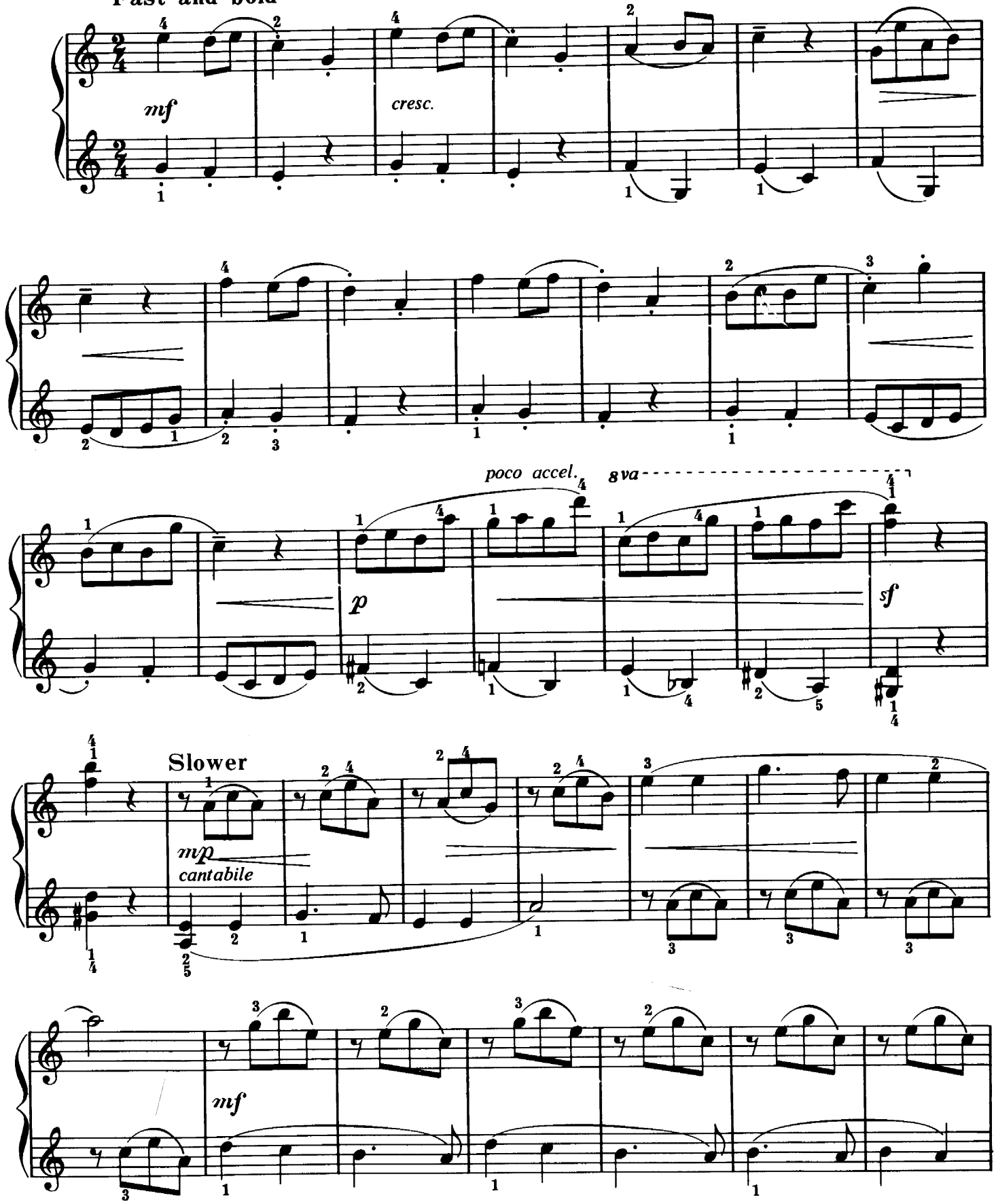
Sonatina

Fast and bold

Konstantin Sorokin



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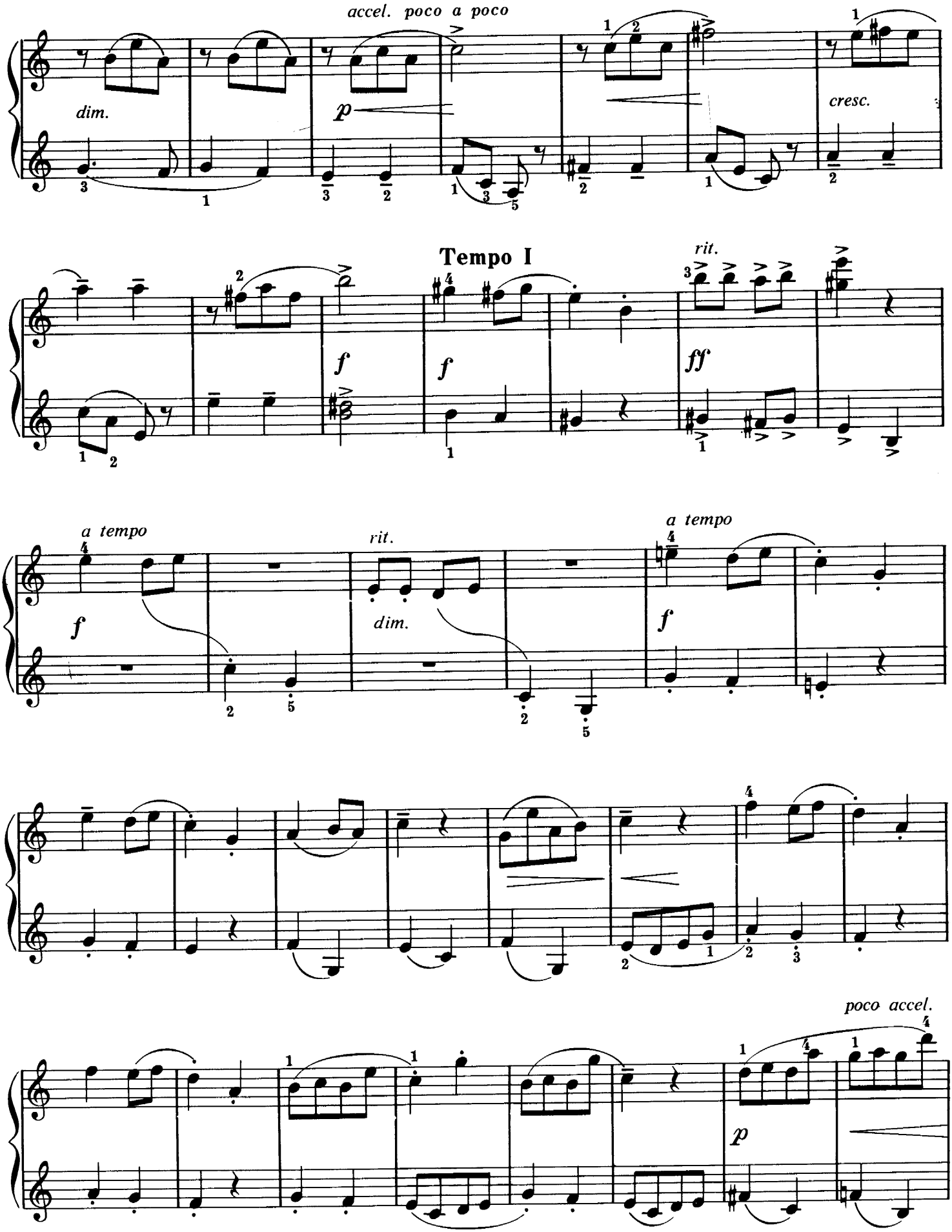
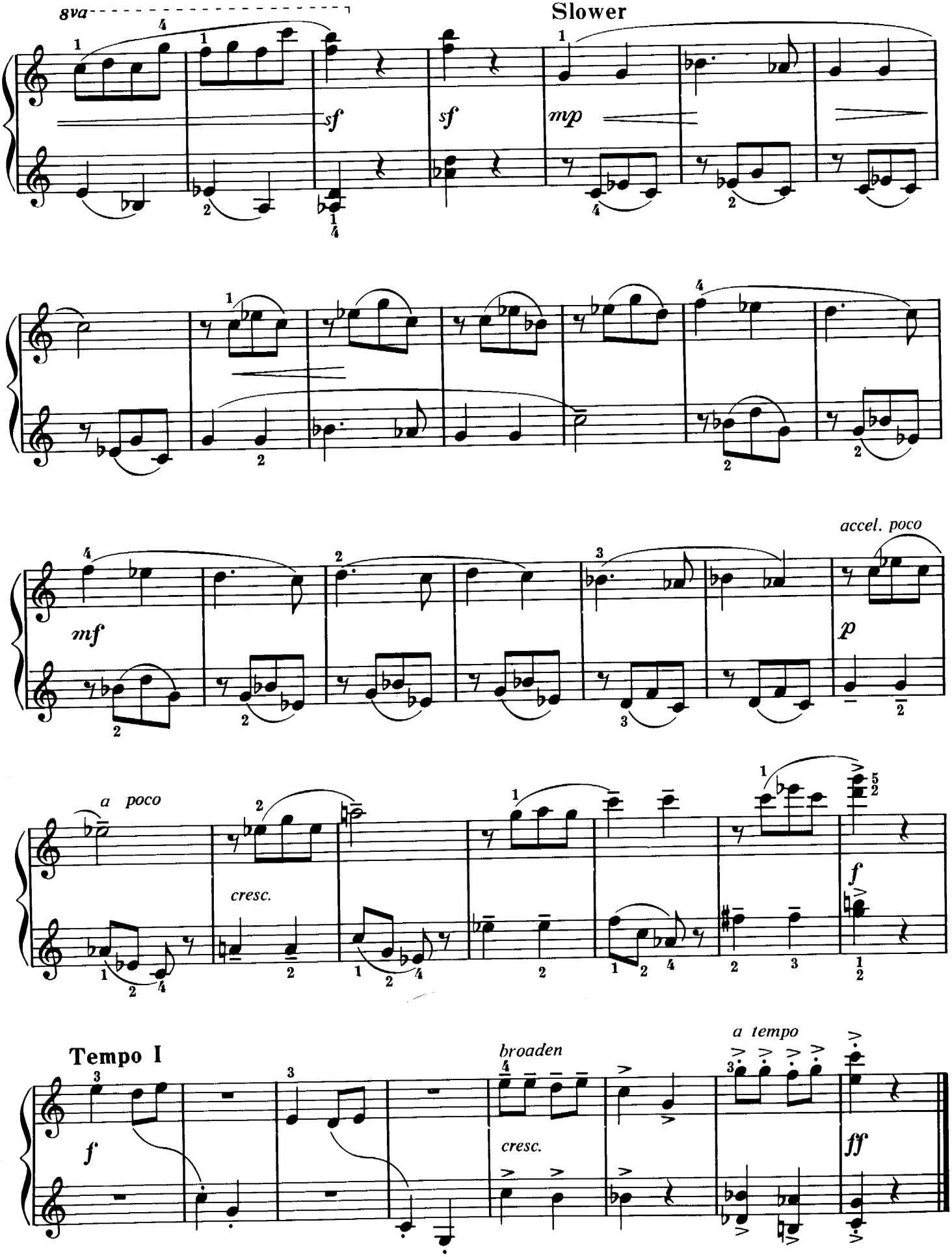
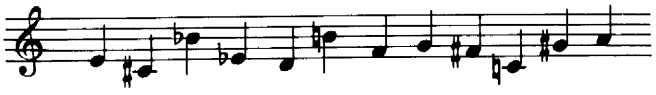

accel. poco a poco
dim.
p
cresc.
Tempo I
rit.
f
f
ff
a tempo
rit.
a tempo
f
dim.
f
poco accel.
p


8va
Slower
sf
sf
mp
mf
accel. poco
p
a poco
cresc.
f
Tempo I
broaden
a tempo
cresc.
f
ff

Diversions on a Tone-Row



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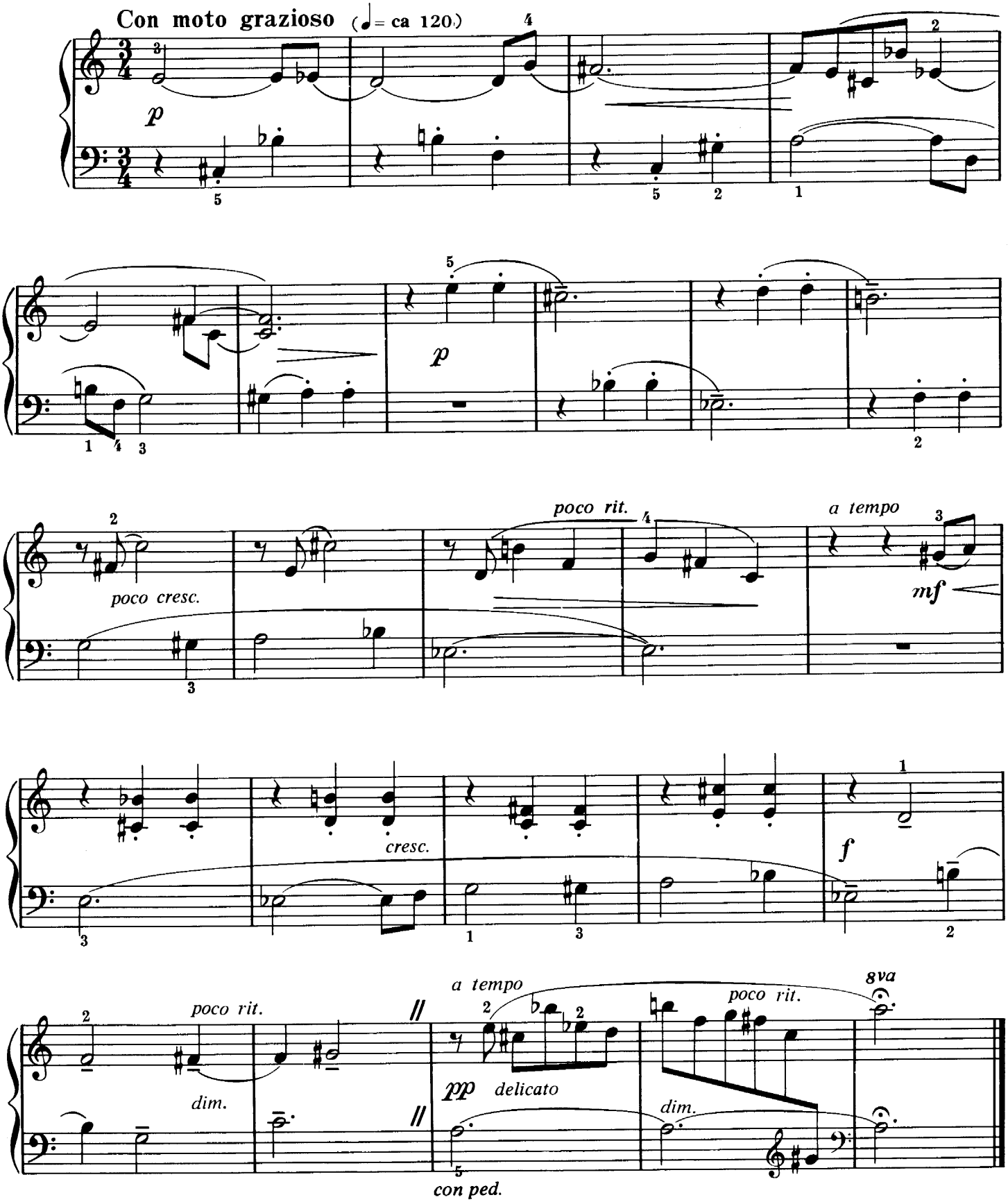

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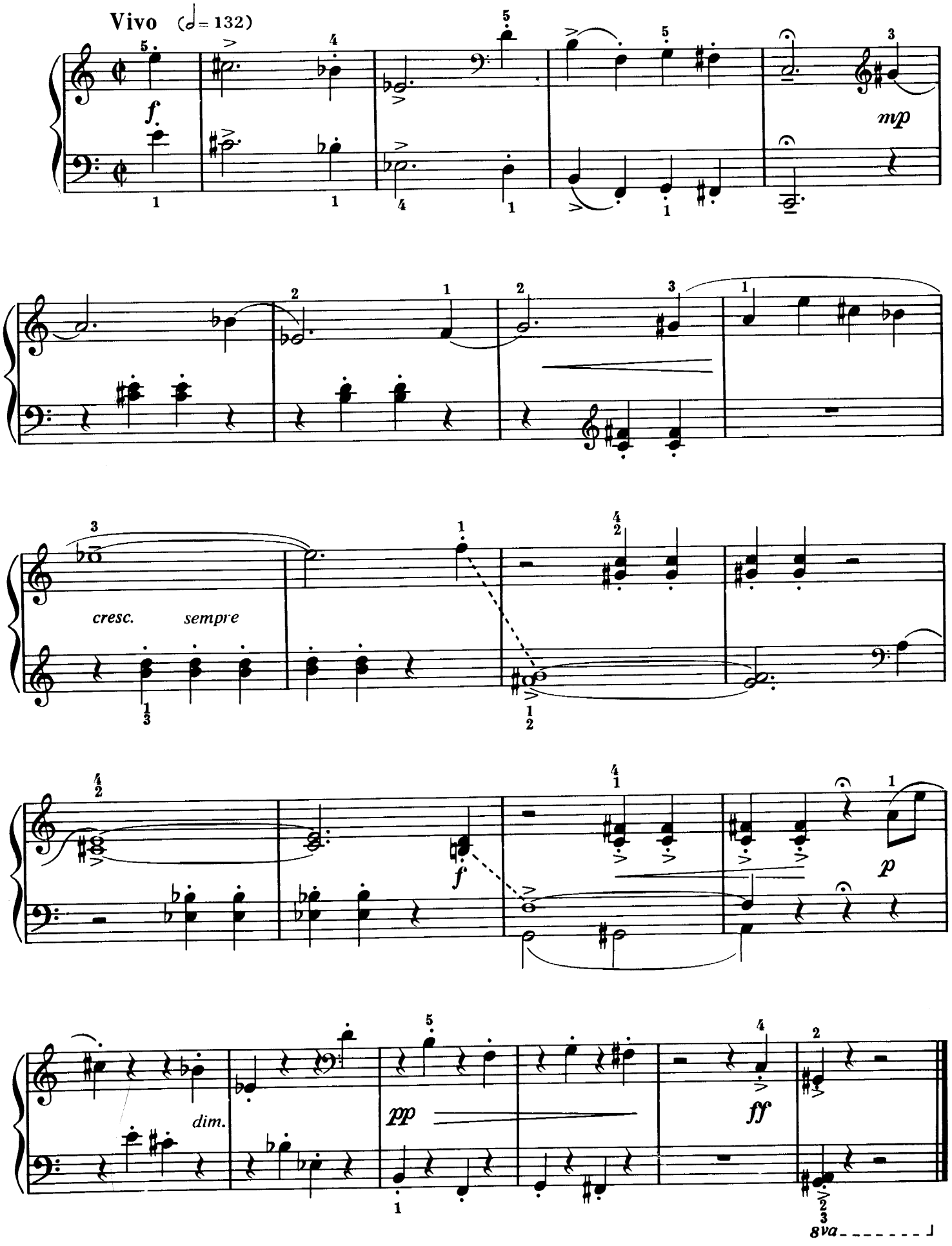

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(Manquinha)

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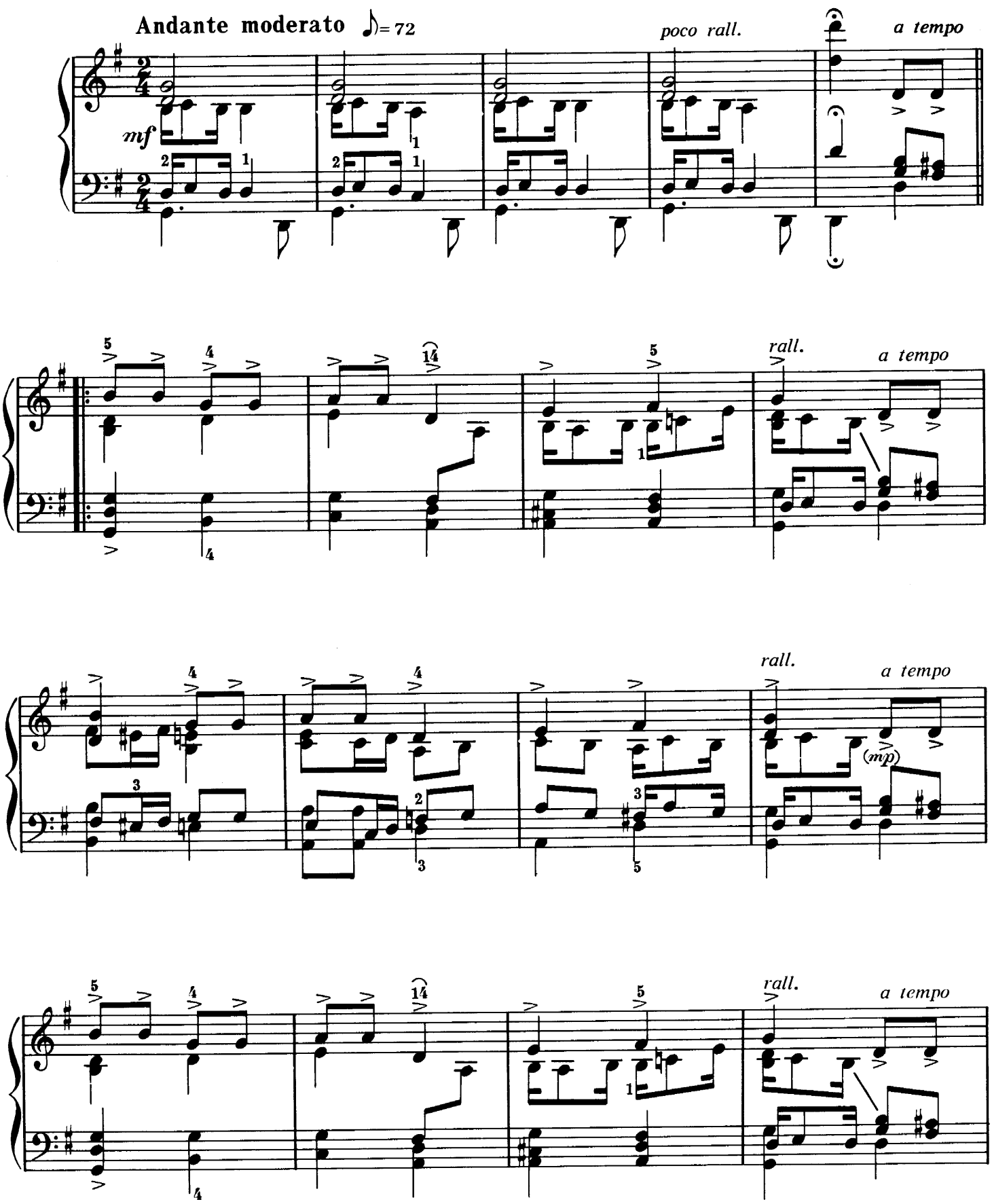

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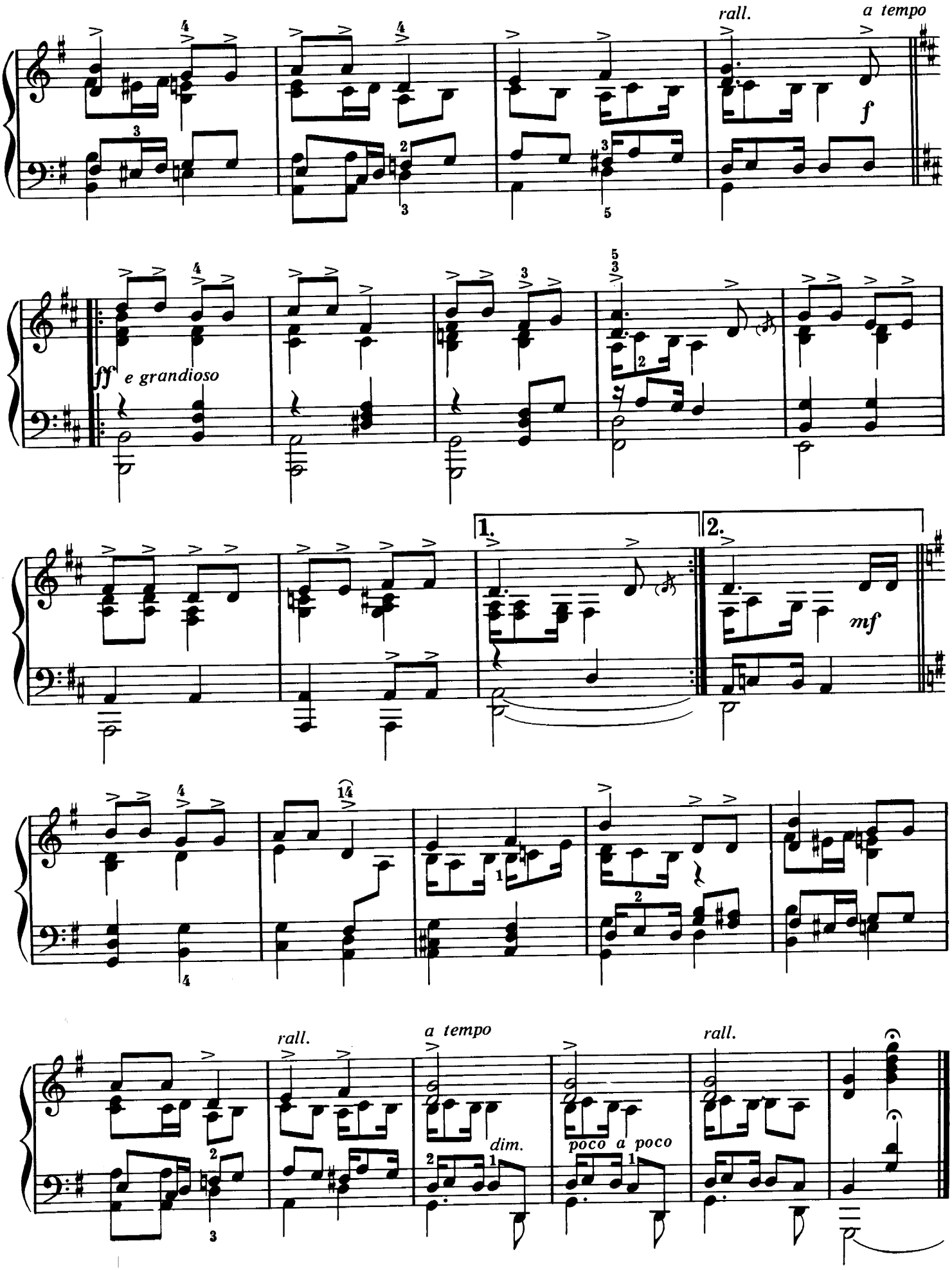
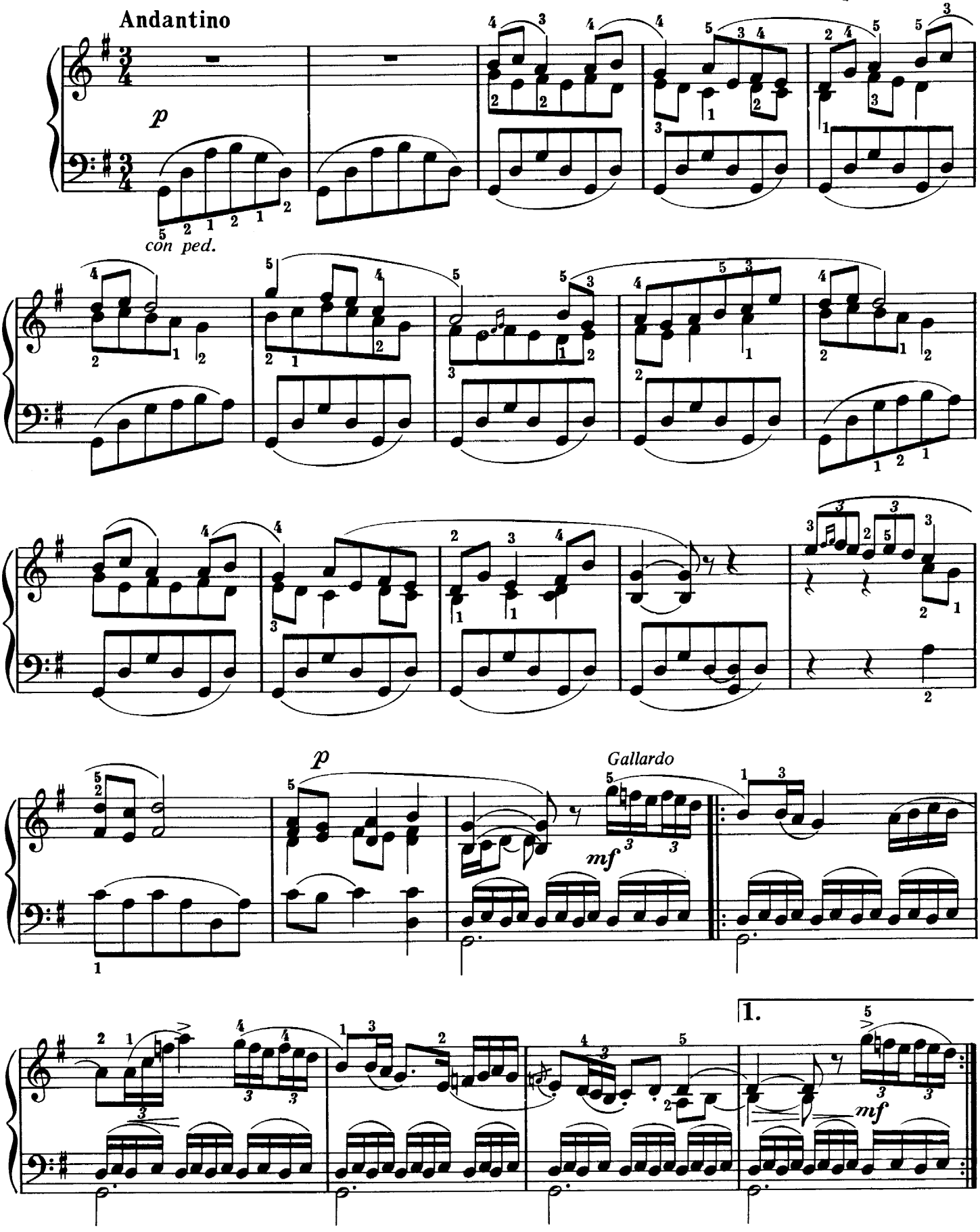

rall.
a tempo
f
ff
e grandioso
1.
2.
mf
rall.
a tempo
dim.
poco a poco
rall.

Pastoral

Enrique Granados



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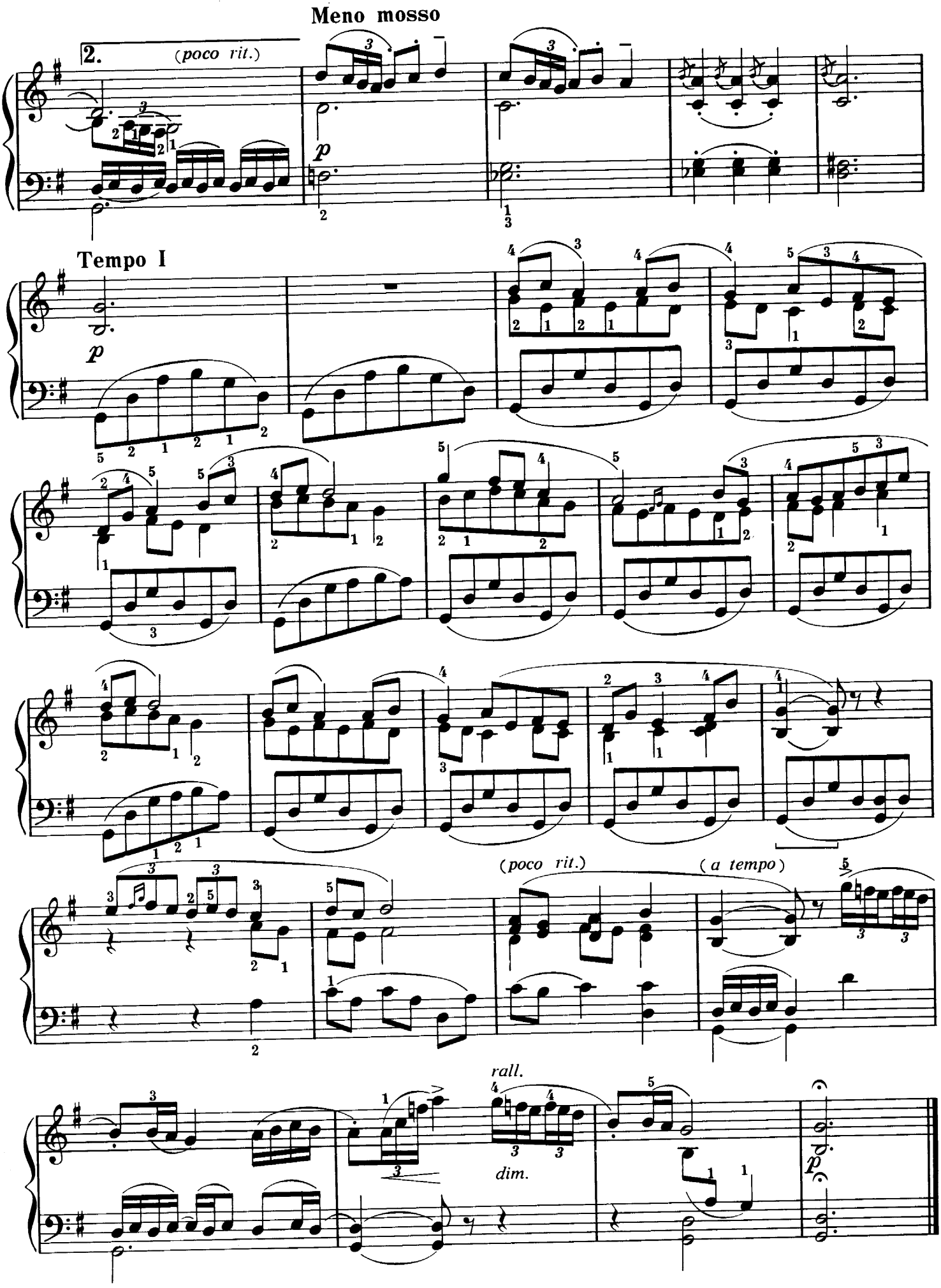
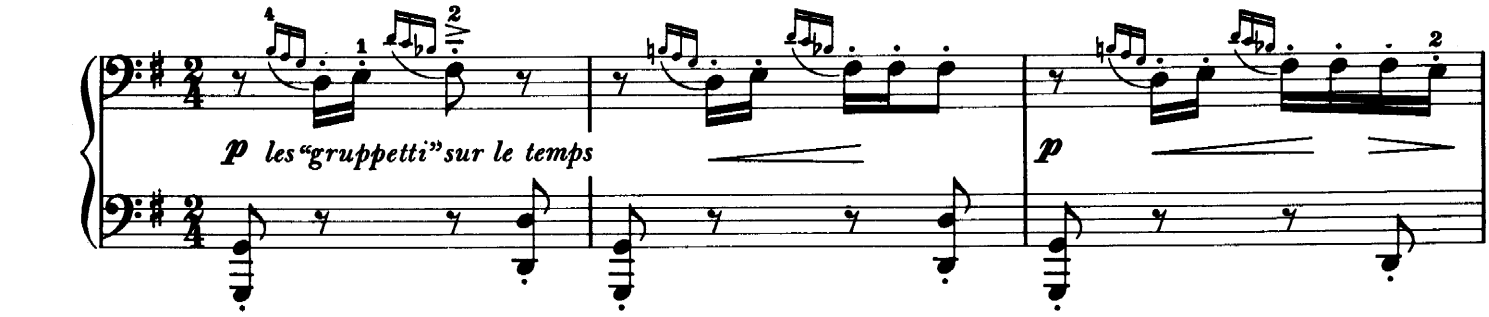

Meno mosso
2.
(poco rit.)
p
Tempo I
p
(poco rit.)
(a tempo)
rall.
dim.
p

Minstrels

Modéré (Nerveux et avec humour) Claude Debussy



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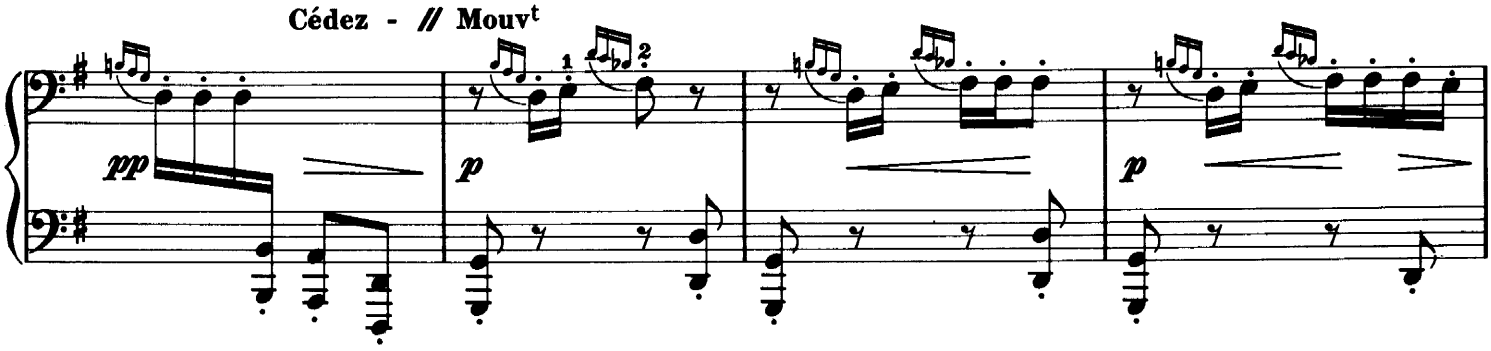
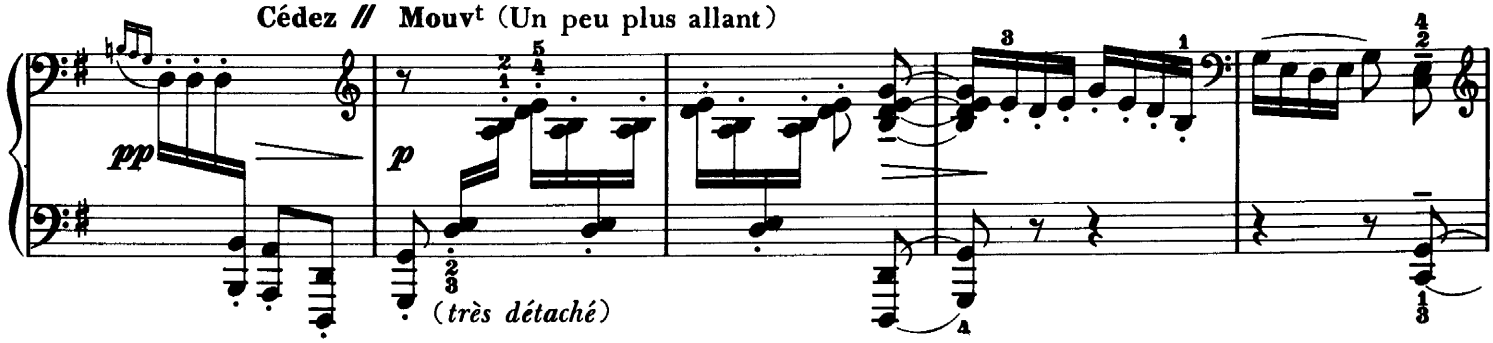
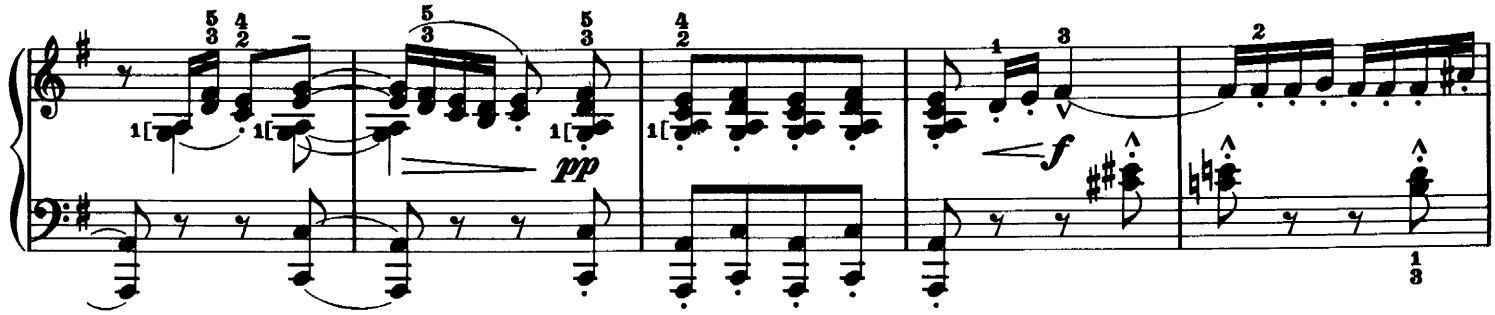
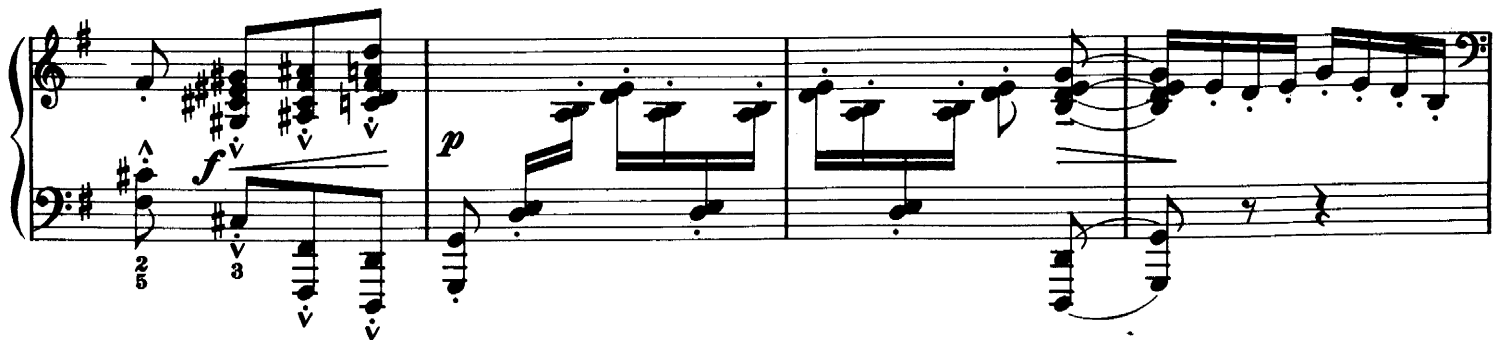


Cédez // Mouvt (Un peu plus allant)







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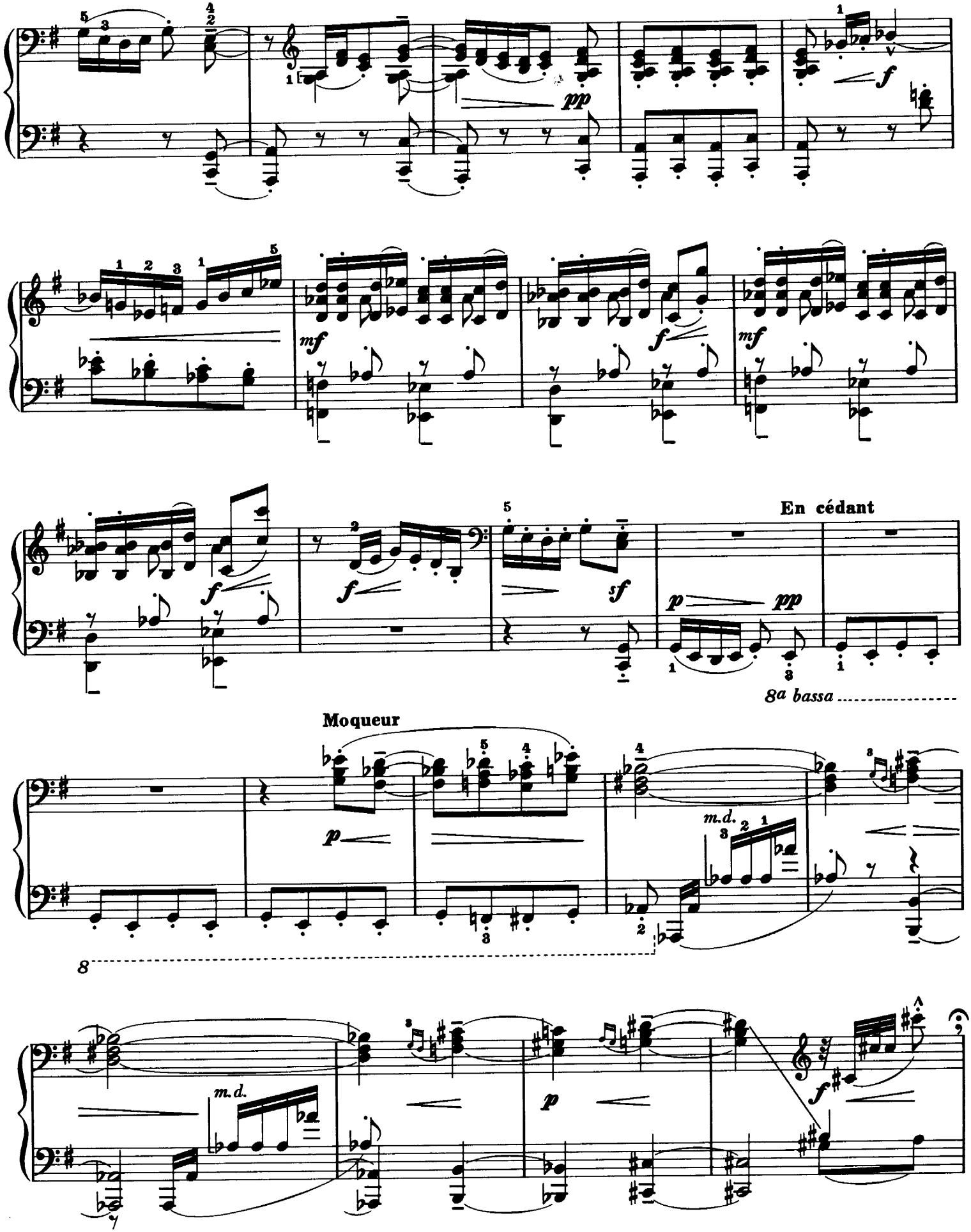
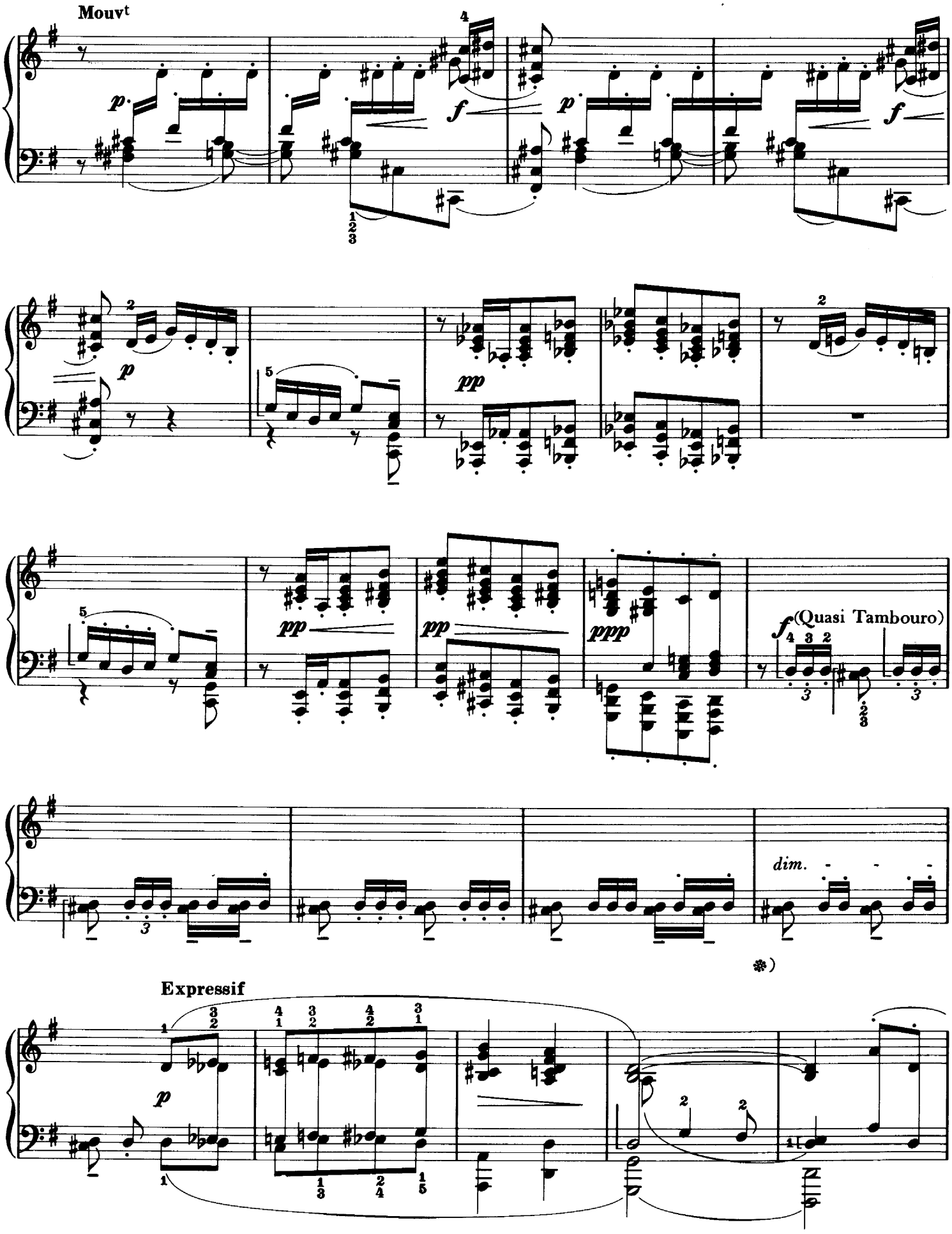
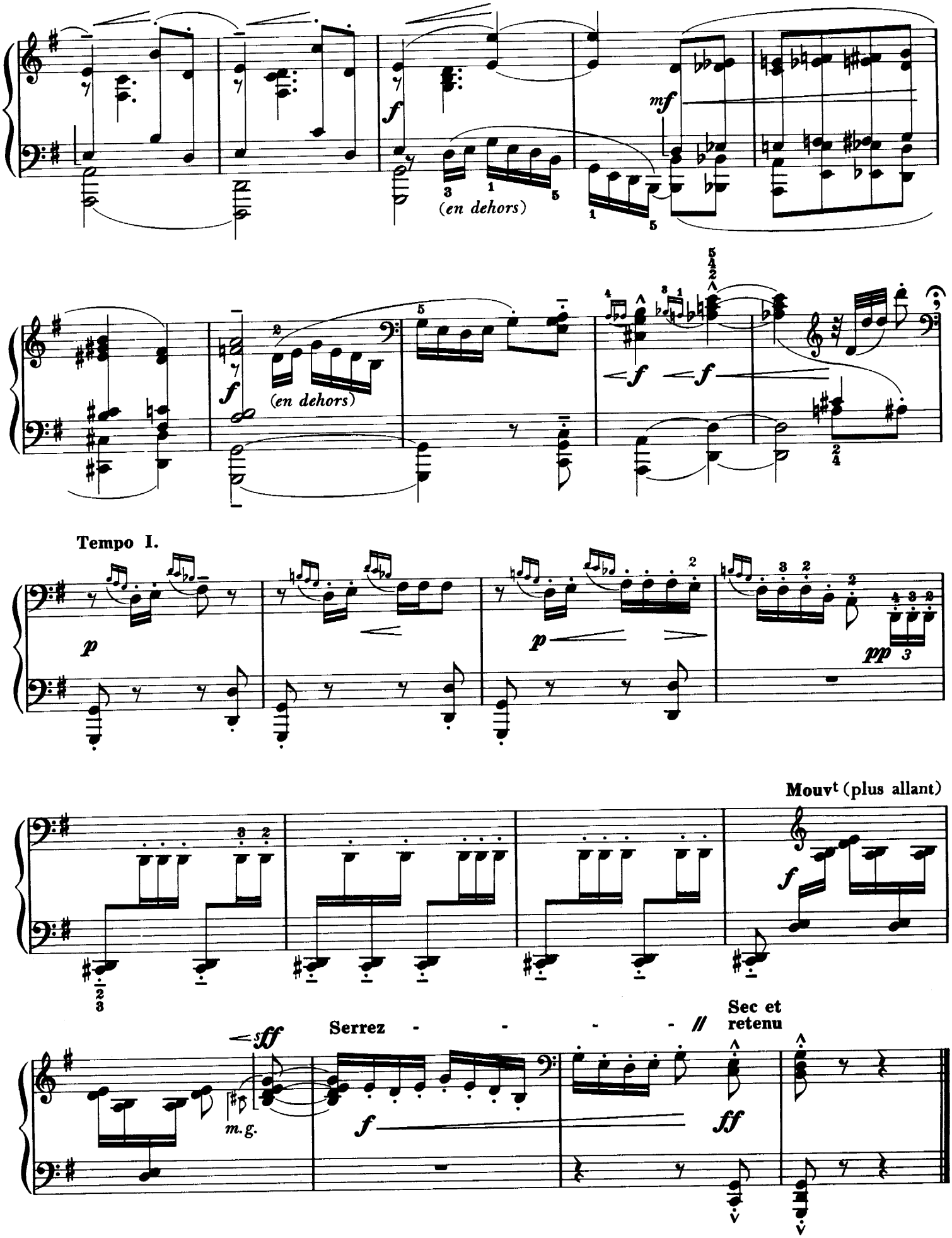

En cédant
8a bassa
Moqueur
m.d.
m.d.


Mouvt
(Quasi Tambouro)
dim.
Expressif

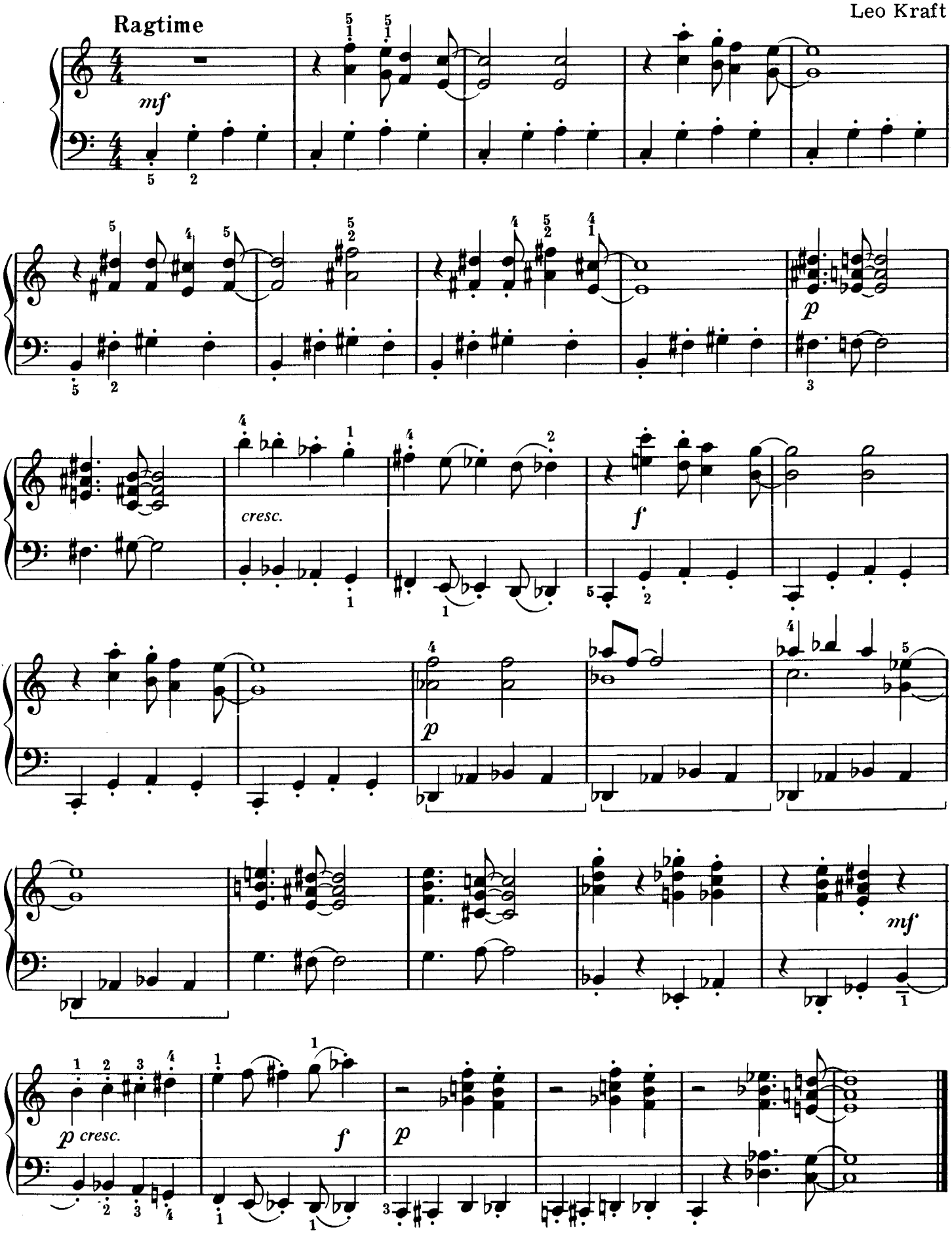

(en dehors)
(en dehors)
Tempo I.
Mouvt (plus allant)
Serrez - - - - //
Sec et retenu
m.g.

Syncopations

from "Ten Short Pieces"

Leo Kraft

Ragtime



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